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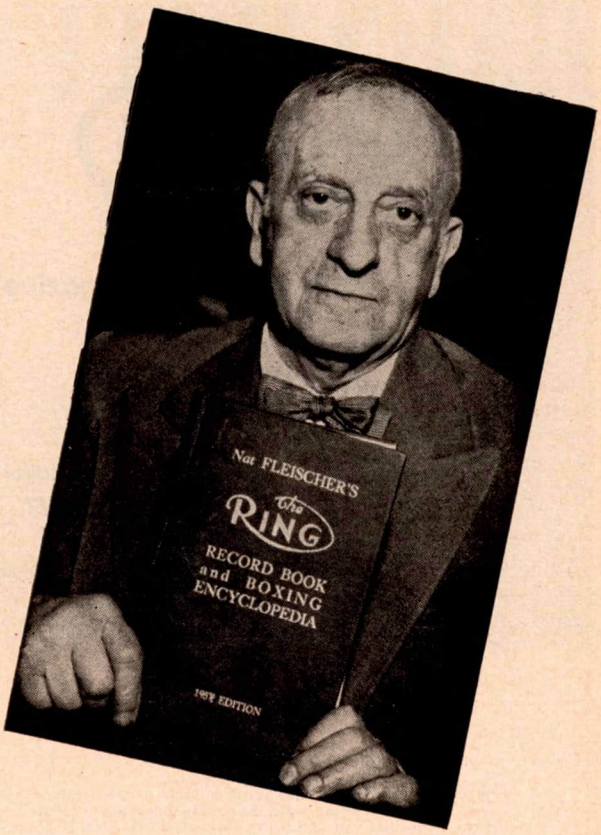

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Davey Moore will meet his challenger Danny Valdez for the featherweight crown in Los Angeles, Benny Paret will attempt to turn back Emile Griffith's bid for his welterweight championship. Nat Fleischer has travelled all the way to Brazil to get first hand the story and action shots of Eder Jofre's fight with Pero Rollo that ring experts hope will settle the bantamweight muddle and reestablish one champ in that division. Joe Brown will attempt to turn back Dave Charnley for the second time in a lightweight fifteen rounder for Brown's title.

Two other lesser title matches will be completely covered by Ring photographers and ringside reporters. Henry Cooper's fight with Joe Erskine for the British Empire heavyweight title takes on added significance since most observers believe that Patterson favors Cooper as his next opponent. Gustav Scholz meets Lazlo Papp for the European middleweight championship and as usual The Ring Magazine will be there so as to be able to bring to its readers the full account and what it means to the world of boxing.

Frank Klaus, Jr., son of the former middleweight title holder, in an exclusive story for The Ring, gives his version of his father's fight with Georges Carpentier . . . which differs from all previous versions.

The Ring Detective will also be back to satisfy his following with another investigation into what's fact and fancy in boxing lore.

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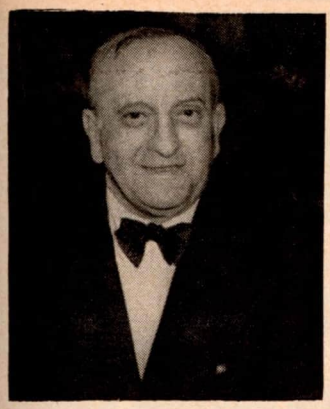

NAT FLEISCHER

Says

A LIFETIME in boxing, first as an amateur, then a pro in which field he gained the top rung of the ladder as world lightweight king, following which, he devoted more than three decades to the sport as chief inspector for the California State Athletic Commission, Willie Ritchie, having reached the retirement age of seventy, henceforth will be sitting on the sidelines watching his favorite sport as a spectator. No official in boxing can boast of the excellent record of Ritchie whose retirement under the law started on March 1.

Boxing's loss of this fine executive will be shared by the State he served with honor, dignity and efficiency. Many times during his long and meritorious career, Willie was the target of those who were eager to have him shut his eyes to graft, incompetence among politically appointed officials and hoodlums who wanted to rule the sport. For some years they did just that, but always with Ritchie at their heels.

At one period, so hot did he make it for both public officials who were on the side of the racketeers and the men they were protecting, that the underworld and their aides made things so uncomfortable for him, he was transferred to San Francisco from the Los Angeles headquarters, and there, amidst friends, he continued his crusade. He, more so than any other person, was responsible for the California investigation of gangsterism and racketeering in boxing that resulted in a clean-up.

Because of his honesty, his desire to rid the sport of those who for many years had taken it over and had virtually removed the control from the Commission to the hoodlums, he found the going pretty tough at times, but he never let up. Today, thanks to his efforts and the executives of the California Commission who during the past four years have ruled with an iron hand, California boasts of the best equipped executive board for boxing in any part of our country.

Boxing salutes Willie Ritchie upon his retirement. He leaves boxing with the knowledge that he has the respect of all who have the welfare of the sport at heart. He has stepped down to enjoy a well-earned rest. The future of boxing would rest in good hands if more men of Willie Ritchie's character were appointed as supervisors.

LISTON TO CHANGE PILOT?

As this is written, a fortnight prior to the third engagement between Ingemar Johansson and Floyd Patterson for the world heavyweight title, the eyes of the fistic world are focused upon Sonny Liston, the man whom the experts look upon as the most suitable opponent for the winner of the Miami Beach fight for a September title match. Whether Sonny obtains the coveted bout, the most lucrative money match in all boxing, depends on whether he can disassociate himself from those who are listed as part owners of his contract. The stakes are high and if his contract is sold the highest bidder will obtain ownership of the Number One contender.

In Miami Beach, where Liston showed his wares before a crowded arena a few days before the Patterson-Johansson fight, Joe Barone his manager, emphatically denied that he is fronting for any hoodlums. "I alone am the owner of Liston's contract and I shall appear before the New York Commission and the National Boxing Association and plead my case and that of Sonny. He should not be thrust into the background. He is deserving of a chance to fight for the heavyweight title and I hope the "ownership" matter can be cleared so that he will obtain that chance."

Liston is definitely the heavyweight with the brightest chance to dethrone the champion and is the most powerful hitter in the heavyweight group.

A year from now Liston's opportunity may be gone. While Liston is waiting it out, a young gold medal winner in the Rome Olympic Games, Cassius Clay, is stepping out and hitting the spotlights as the heavyweight prospect most likely to land among the elite. Clay, since entering the pro ranks after winning the light-heavyweight title in the Rome tournament, has demonstrated that he is quickly absorbing the finer points of the game. Each of his battles has been marked by an improvement. He's a bright lad, a little cocky due to the reams of glowing tributes he has received, but once he settles down, he's going to figure as an outstanding contender.

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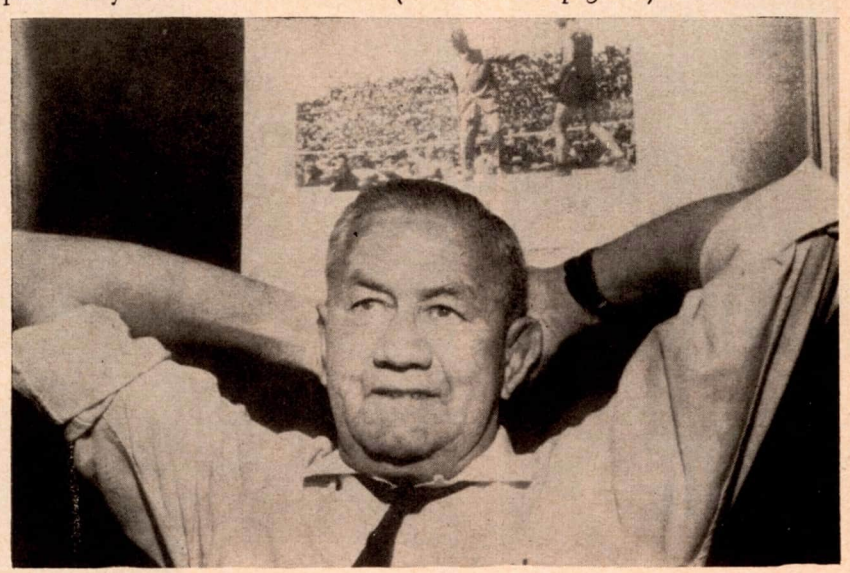
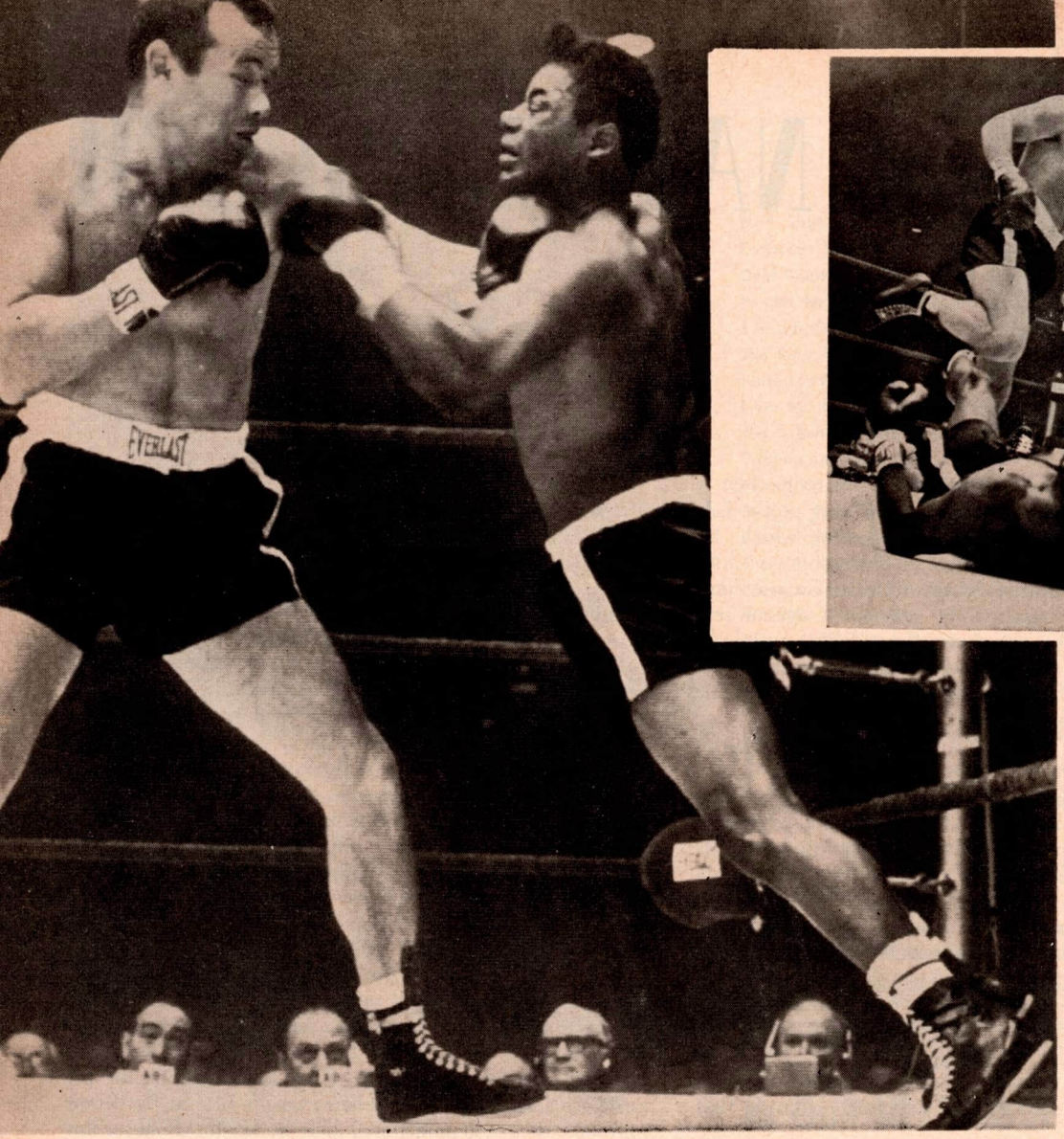
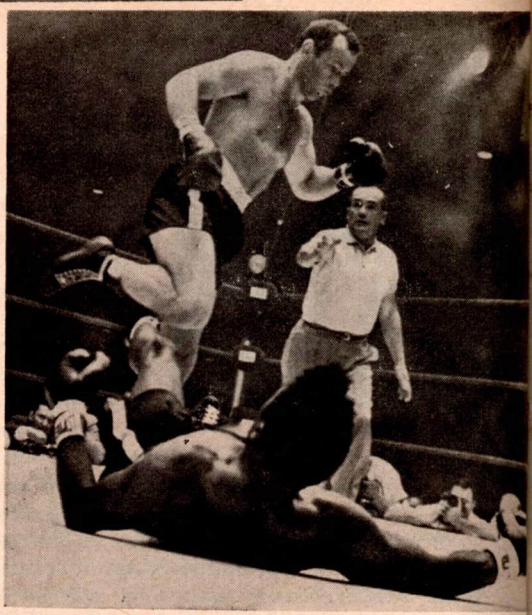


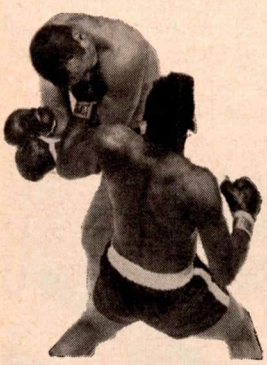
Willie Ritchie, former lightweight champion of the world, who retires as Chief Inspector for the California State Athletic Commission, bringing 54 years of boxing history to a close.





ROUND 1

(Left) The left hook that accounted for the second knockdown of Patterson in the first round is delivered by Ingo to Floyd's jaw. (Above) Floyd goes down flat on his back for the first knockdown after Johansson crashed his right to the champion's chin. (Below) Patterson throws all his weight behind the left hooks that dropped his challenger for the first time.



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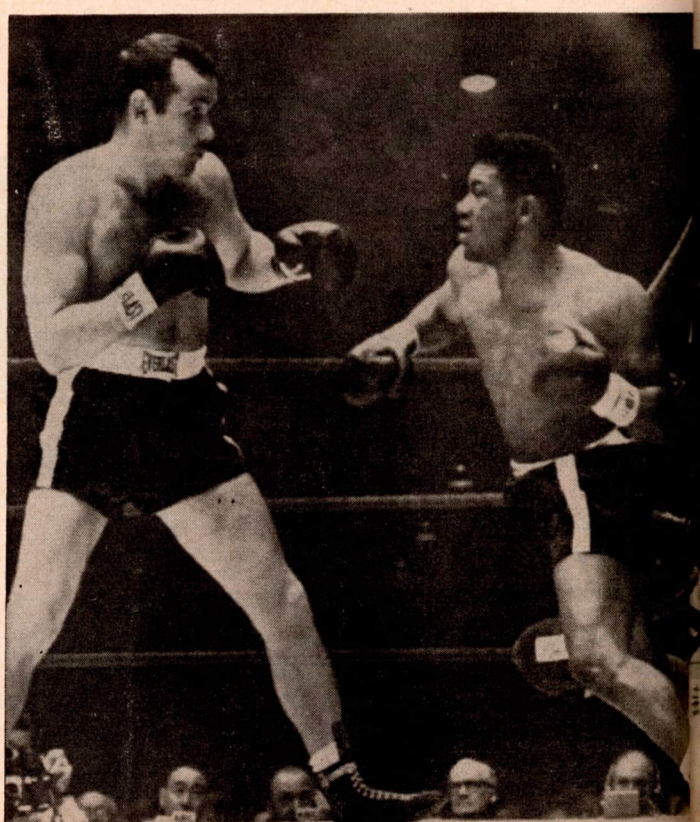


Liston rates next shot at world heavyweight title but Henry Cooper is Floyd's choice

By NAT FLEISCHER

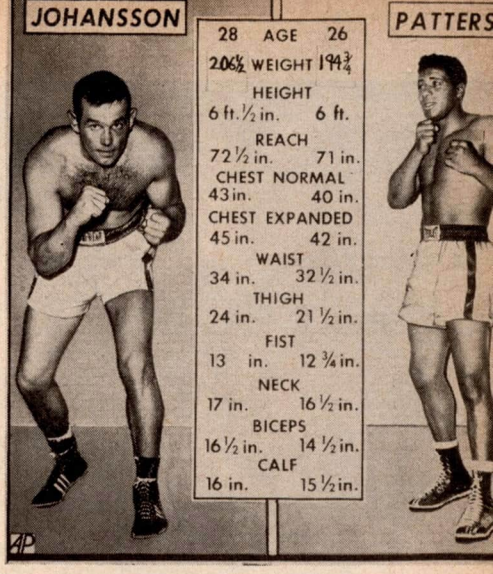
WHAT happened in the Miami Beach Convention Hall on the night of March 13 when Floyd Patterson retained the world heavyweight title by knocking out Ingemar Johansson in 2.45 of the sixth round, made it mandatory that Sonny Liston, outstanding contender, get the next shot at the title. As of now, however, he continues to remain on the sidelines. Liston's early history certainly is far from savory, but he has conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen for many years and has made himself the outstanding challenger.

Now it is up to those who have been handling his affairs either to sell the contract and give him his merited chance or to prove beyond a shadow of doubt that he no longer is controlled by undercover, unsavory characters. The Ring Magazine does not wish to go too extensively into this phase of the situation for fear of doing somebody an injustice.

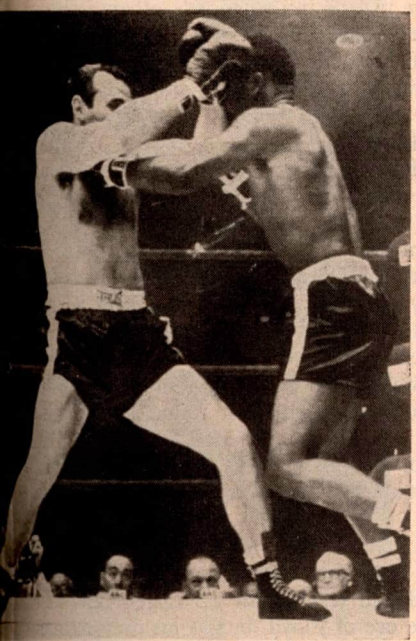
Johansson's defeat—and let me hasten to deny he quit—means a new start for him if, as he declares, he aims to work his way up to another championship match. He doubtless will continue to fight in Europe. His next contest probably will be with Dick Richardson for the European heavyweight crown which he gave up when he came to fight Patterson the first time and hopes to regain. But his two knockouts at the the hands of Floyd have disqualified him from further involvement in world title competitions—at least as of now.

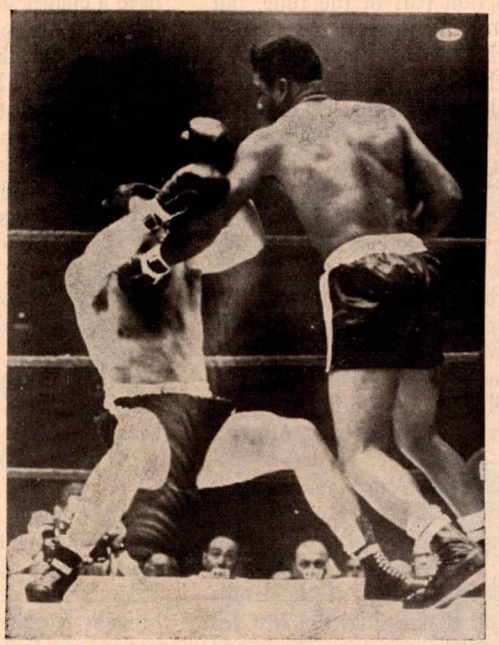
Though Cus D'Amato has plans to have Patterson place his crown on the line against Henry Cooper in London, Patterson will make the decision and if Cooper is the man he selects as his next opponent, the fight will be held in the United States, with New York given the preference as the site.

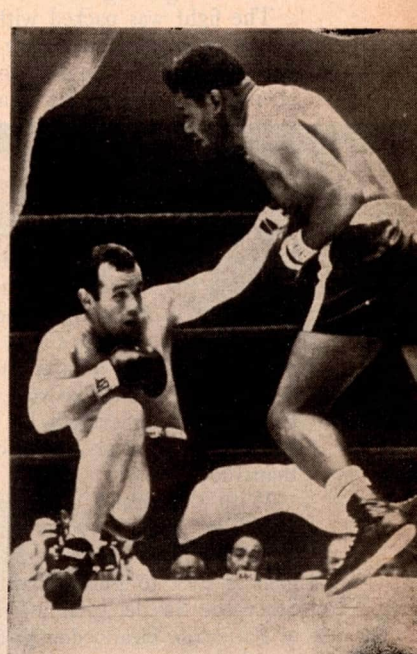
Patterson was happy in victory, but keenly disappointed in his performance. It was far from that which he and his horde of supporters, both the public and press, had expected, despite his kayo triumph. A left hook to the jaw quickly followed by a powerful right that landed high on the side of the left ear, a sort of chop, finished the fight. The finale came at a time when Johansson was piling up a lead in the round.



Patterson looked bored as he and Johansson met at the weigh-in. Both men tipped the scale at their heaviest for their third bout.







ROUND 1 **This series of photos is the followup of the last photo on the previous page and shows the full effect of Floyd's wallop as it lands on the Swede's chin. Ingo was up at the count of two and his wide-open stance, added to the power of Patterson's hook, accounted for the knockdown.**

Johansson's family were on hand to root for him. Seated at ringside were (left) to right his brother Rolf, and Rolf's wife, his sister Eva, and his fiance, Birgit Lundgren.

The Viking, whose thunderous right brought him the title in the first of the series and almost brought down Floyd in the second round of their second engagement, almost put Patterson away in the opening round of the third meeting when he was dropped twice for counts of two although he was given the mandatory eight count.

Until the sixth round it was a close affair, only a point's difference on my score card. But in the fatal sixth, the Swede was gaining when the champion opened up.

The fight was packed with action part of the time, but lacked championship calibre after the third round. Wild swings, awkward topples to the canvas, sloppy fighting at intervals that ill-fitted a champion and former title holder, were among the things that will be recalled as much as will the knockdowns and knockout, when this fight is discussed.

Patterson went to the canvas four times, twice from Ingemar's blows and twice after he had tripped himself. But he got up on each occasion while the challenger missed out by a fraction of a second on his final down. Floyd's slips came in the second and third rounds.

It was the journey's end for the man who made the word "TONDER" famous in the boxing world. Though he declared he would like very much to meet Patterson in a fourth bout, henceforth he will have to peddle his wares either in Europe or against other heavyweights in America than Floyd.

With the wealth acquired in three American bouts, it would be well for Johansson to heed the advice of his countrymen who have urged him to retire. But American gold is easy to pick up when one possesses the SOCK. Since the Swede, even in his second defeat at the hands of Patterson, clearly demonstrated that he has not lost his punching power, he said he would carry on. He would like to face Sonny Liston if the inducement met with his satisfaction.

Discussing the knockdowns, Patterson declared that he couldn't get started in the opening round because of the speed with which his opponent attacked following the clang of the opening bell.

"That first knockdown took plenty out of me," he said. "I had expected him to lay back and wait for an opening as he did in the first fight, but he fooled me. He struck out full force before I could do anything.

"I said before this fight that whoever won, the loser would have to step back and let other logical contenders have a chance at the title. I intend to give others a chance, either in Europe or in this country. I'll make my decision later but I'd like to have my next defense in New York."

Both Rocky Marciano and Joe Louis, sitting at the ringside, declared that the affair was far short of what had been promised. Said Louis;

"It was a bad fight. Patterson didn't punch enough to the body and he didn't know how to protect his jaw."

Marciano wasn't so blunt, but remarked:

"Gee, what I missed! I wish I had the chance that Ingemar had. They said I was crude. Well—oh, I don't think I have to say any more," he said with a broad grin.

Johansson, parading around a hotel after the fight, declared he had been hampered by the eight count rule which he thought was unnecessary. He said that he would have won by a knockout in the first round had that not been in effect.

"I didn't ask for it. Nor did Patterson," he added. "They gave us six-ounce gloves then put this foolish rule into the fight".

The booing that greeted what many in the Convention Hall thought was a fast count over Ingemar, but which was accurately tolled off and resulted in a clean-cut knockout, brought tears to the eye of Floyd, but in his dressing room he told the newsmen, "I suppose they booed because I was not impressive, but I accomplished what I had aimed at—a knockout."

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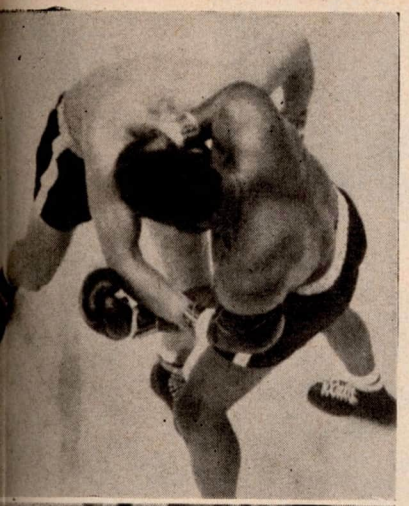
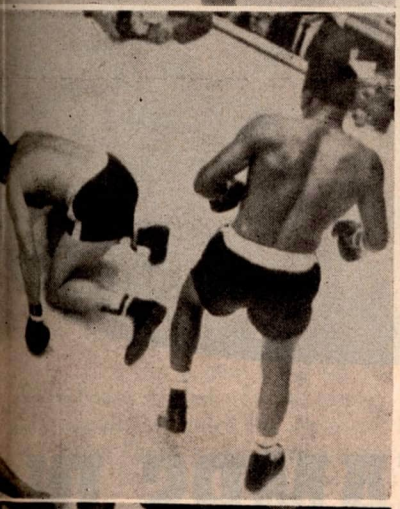
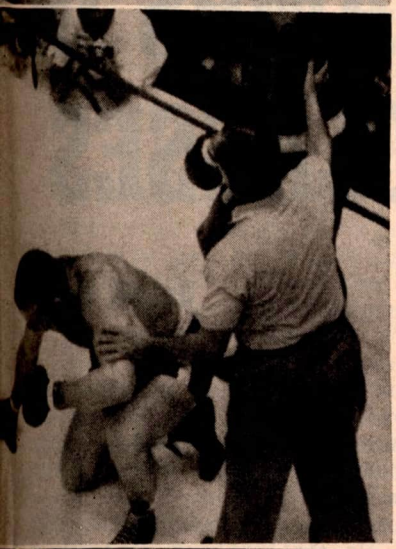
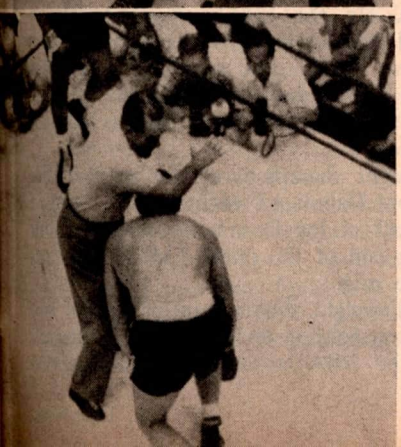
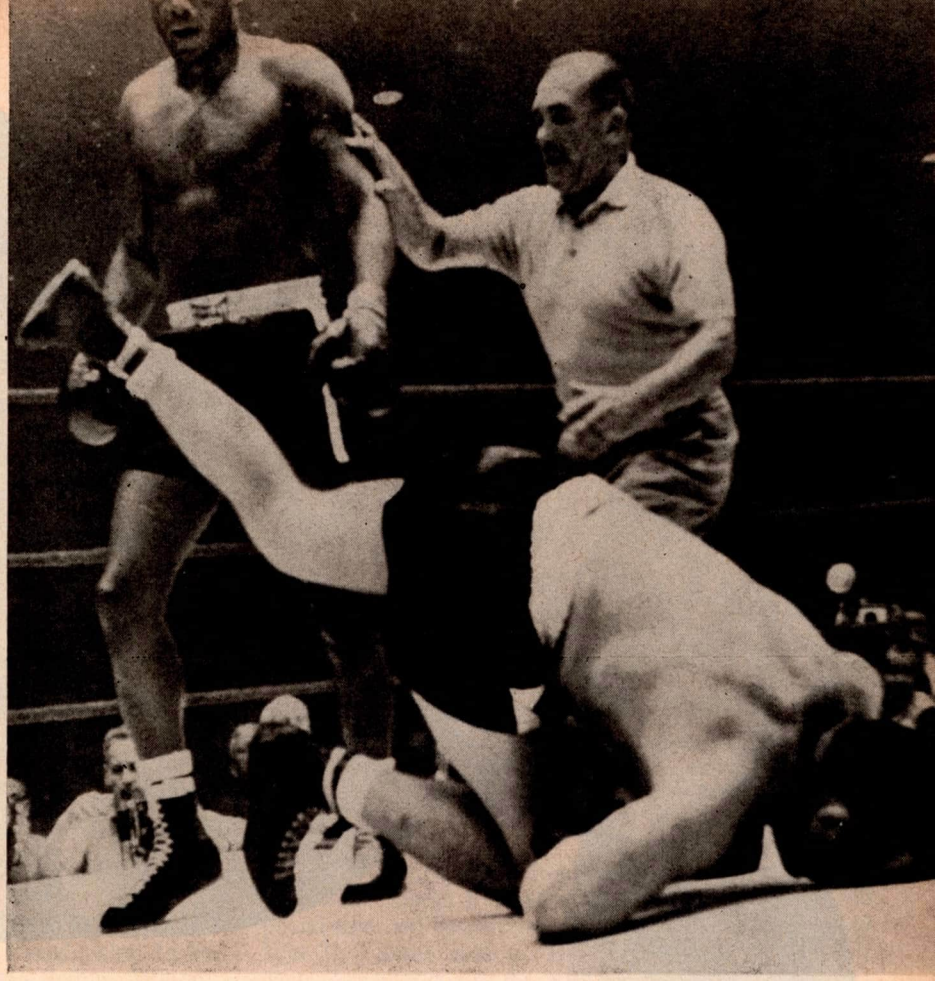
END OF FIGHT



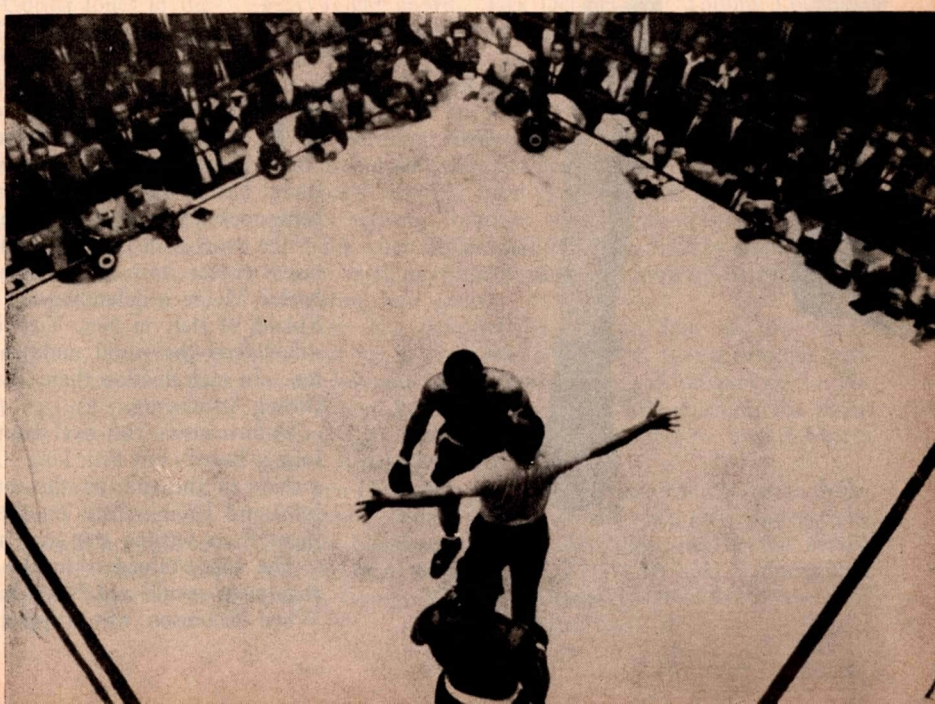




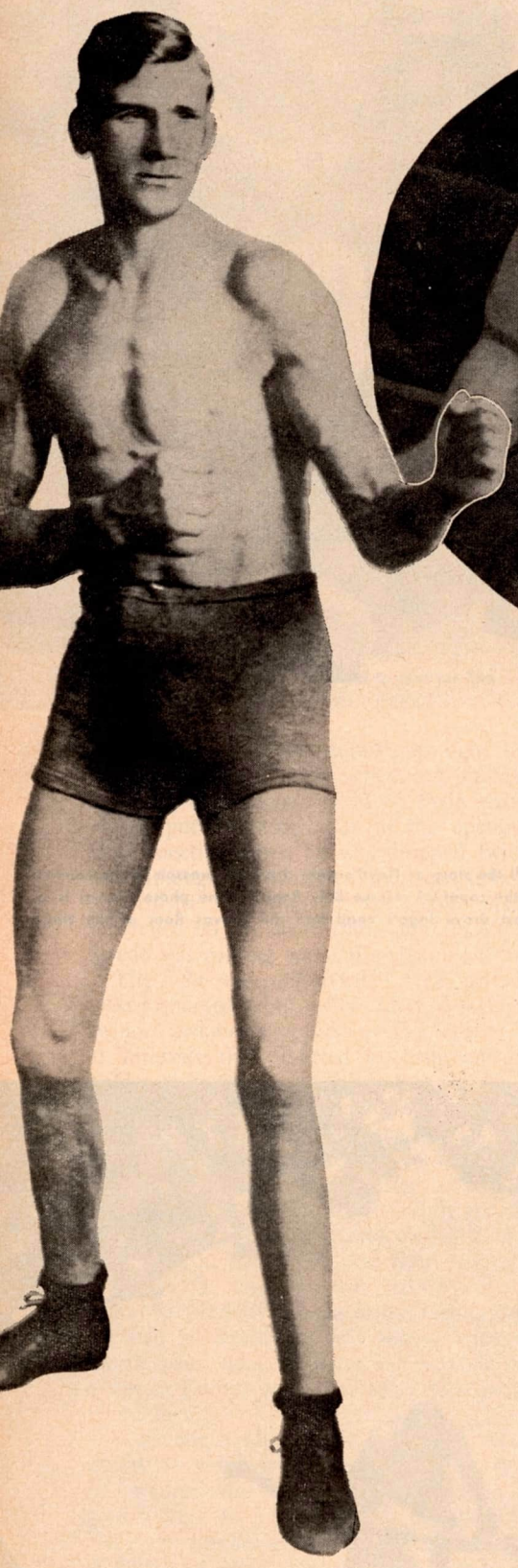


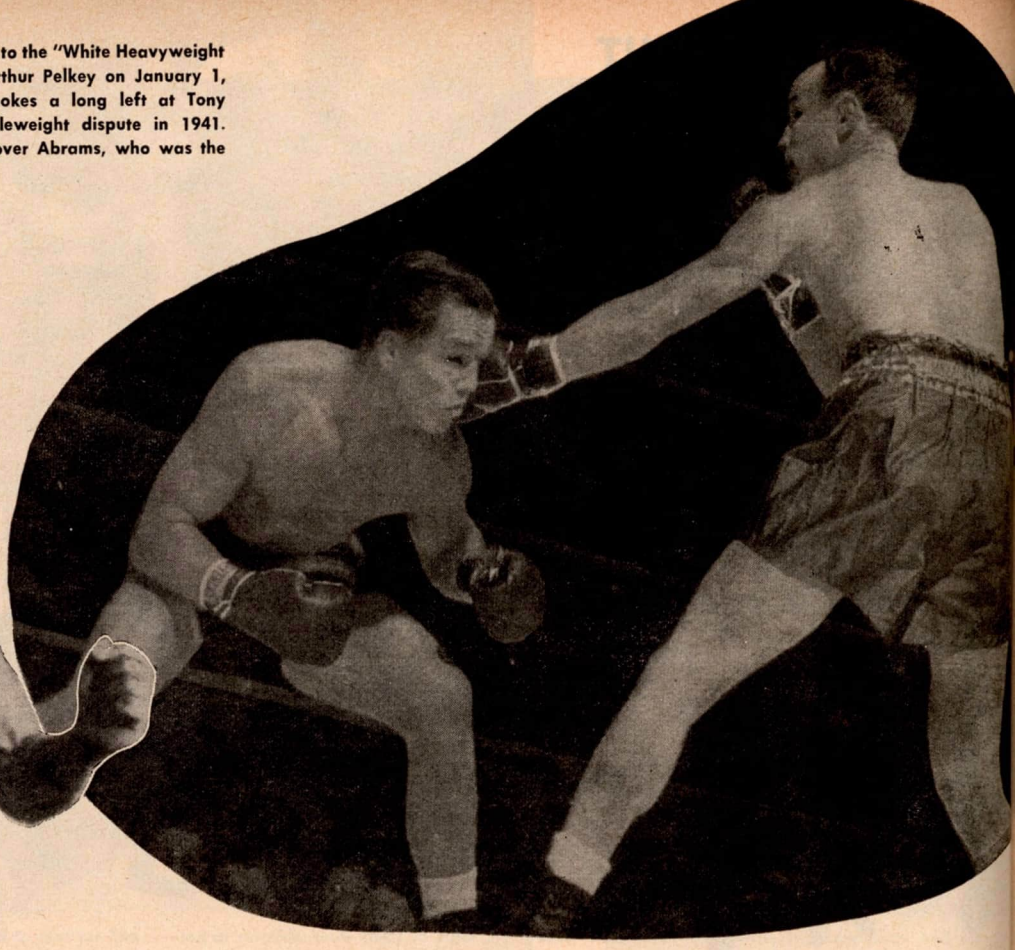


The End! The series of photos on the left tell the story as Floyd's right drives Johansson to the canvas and he is counted out. He failed to beat the count of referee Billy Regan. (The photo above) is a view from the rear as Floyd's punch almost drove Ingo's head into the canvas floor of the ring.



(Below) Gunboat Smith, who layed claim to the "White Heavyweight Championship" after he knocked out Arthur Pelkey on January 1, 1914. (Right) Georgie Abrams, right, pokes a long left at Tony Zale in their clash to settle the middleweight dispute in 1941. Zale, the NBA champ, won the verdict over Abrams, who was the N. Y. State standard bearer.





DUAL CHAMPS IN THREE CLASSES

By AL BUCK

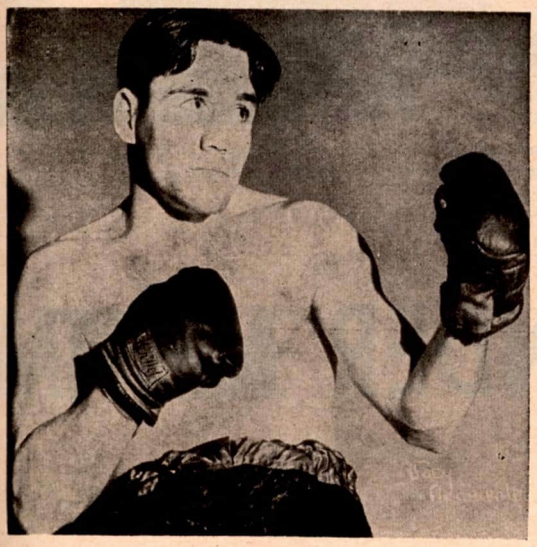
OLD ARCH is going to do some fighting at long last; there are a couple of middleweight champions, and also a pair of bantamweight kings. The confusion is world wide, extending from San Diego to Rome, but no where is there a lack of interest. In a period of recession after being rocked by scandals, boxing is on its way back.

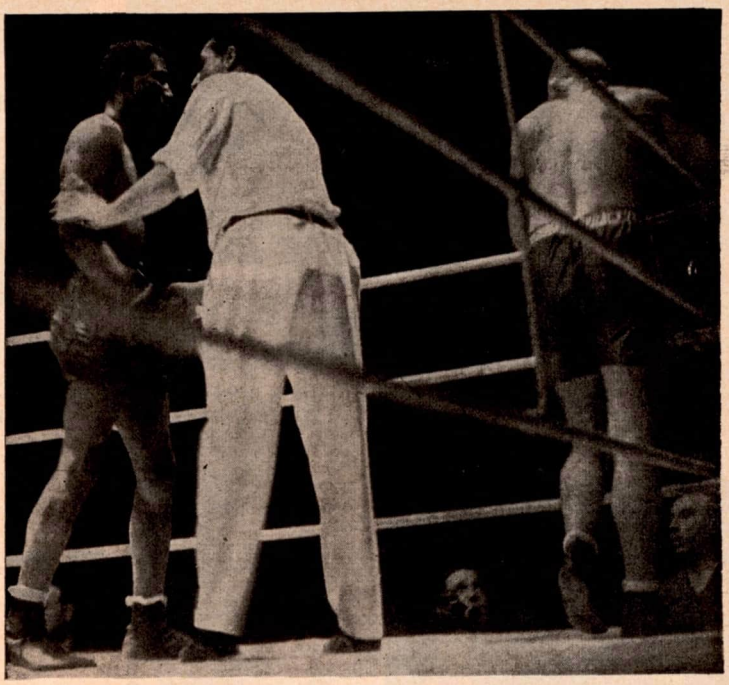
The conclusion is reached when three of the eight internationally recognized classes have dual champions. In the light-heavyweight division Archie Moore is defending the world light-heavyweight title against Giulio Rinaldi of Italy in New York in June. Before that happens Paul Pender will defend the world middleweight title against Carmen Basilio at Boston. In each division there is a rival champion recognized by the National Boxing Association.

Unfortunately the rival bantamweight champions are far apart. Eder Jofre is Brazil's first fistic king. Alphone Halimi, a French Algerian, regained a share of the title on the retirement of Joe Becerra of Mexico. Both Jofre and Halimi insist on the long end of the purse. Money prevents them from settling the issue in the ring.

The top contenders in the middleweight division, including the two champions—world and NBA—have been fighting each other over the years. When Robinson was stripped of the NBA crown, Gene Fullmer won

Joey Achibald, Providence battler, who proved his right to the featherweight title following Henry Armstrong's vacating the title in 1938, by victories over Milke Belloise, Leo Rodak and Harry Jeffra.





The referee holds off Gorilla Jones as Marcel Thil staggers to his corner claiming a foul blow in their Paris bout in 1932. Thil was awarded the fight on a foul and his claim to the title was made valid by the European Boxing Union. It was not until the Zale-Abrams fight that the break was sealed.

recognition by defeating Basilio. Since then Sugar Ray, beaten twice by Pender has been fighting Fullmer. Pender is fighting Basilio. The action has kept the division alive.

It is not a new thing for the middleweight class to be a house divided. In the roaring Twenties, Johnny Wilson, a southpaw, ruled the division. He risked the title against Bryan Downey in Cleveland, protected by a referee brought from Boston. When Downey knocked Wilson over, the referee declared Johnny the winner on a foul.

The Cleveland Commission added fuel to the fire by recognizing Downey as champion. The return bout was a dreary 12-round no-decision bout in Jersey City. Eventually Harry Greb came along and beat both Downey and Wilson. Greb, a great champion, eventually lost the crown to Tiger Flowers. In turn Flowers lost it to Mickey Walker. All in good time Mick retired to fight heavyweights. The middleweight title was up for grabs.

Now we come to a period where there were three middleweight kings—Ben Jeby in New York; Gorilla Jones in the NBA and Marcel Thil in Europe. Jeby and Jones won tournaments. Jones went to Paris and lost to Thil on a foul. It followed that Thil was champion, but the NBA continued to recognize Jones.

The Gorilla didn't vacate the title until two years after he lost to Thil. In the meantime the New York version changed hands rapidly. It passed from Jeby to Lou Brouillard, the Worcester, Mass., southpaw, to Vince Dundee to Teddy Yarosz to Babe Risko. Freddie Steele defeated Risko and then beat Jones. Knocked out by Fred Apostoli in an over-the-weight bout, Steele refused to give his conqueror a crack at the title.

Eventually New York withdrew recognition, and Steele was only an NBA champion when he was knocked out in a round by Al Hostak. Hostak lost and regained the crown in bouts with Solly Krieger. Then he was kayoed in two by Tony Zale, the man of steel.

Thil, who had retired, came back to be knocked out by Apostoli in New York. Even so the New York Commission didn't recognize Apostoli as champion until he stopped Young Corbett in eight. During most of this time Thil should have been the undisputed champion, but now he was gone.

And so the title passed from Apostoli to Ceferino Garcia to Ken Overlin to Billy Soose. Unable to make the 160 pound title, and on entering the Navy at the start of World War II, Soose gave up the championship. That left Tony Zale all alone as the NBA champion.

In his years as chairman of the New York Commission, the late Gen. John J. Phelan was always anxious to eliminate dual championships. He nominated Georgie Abrams to fight Zale. When Tony pounded out a 15 round decision over the brave, but out-gunned Abrams, the General proclaimed him world champion.

From then until the NBA unfrocked Robinson there was only one middleweight champion. Now there are two, and another general, Melvin L. Krulewitch, present New York chairman, would like to dissolve the issue. It remains to be seen if he can bring the two factions together.

Light-heavyweight champions have from time to time given up the 175-pound title to take a crack at the world heavyweight crown. Jack Delaney did; Tommy Loughran did, John Henry Lewis did, and so did Billy Conn. In recent years the rules have been changed. Archie Moore was permitted to fight Rocky Marciano with the understanding that if he won he would relinquish the lesser title. Marciano knocked him out, and old Arch is still around, and still the light-heavyweight champion.

Moore's rule has been challenged by Harold Johnson, another veteran. Johnson was recognized as champion by the NBA when he knocked out Jesse Bowdry recently. He is now marking time waiting for Ancient to get around to fighting him again.

Moore has defeated Johnson in four of five fights. The last one in 1954 was for the title. Going into the 14th round Johnson had a comfortable lead on points. In the 14th Moore knocked him out. A fifth meeting has possibilities. The match in its way is attractive, and if Moore gets by Rinaldi it should be made.

When Delaney moved into the heavyweight ranks, Mike McTigue reclaimed the title he had once held. Along came Tommy Loughran to defeat McTigue, and he too moved into the heavyweight ranks. The NBA held a tournament won by George Nichols of Sandusky, Ohio. He defended it

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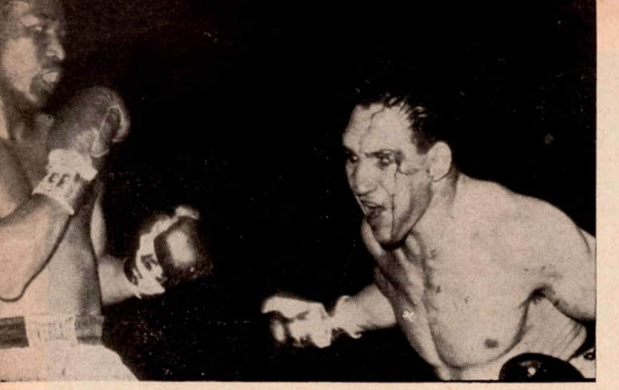
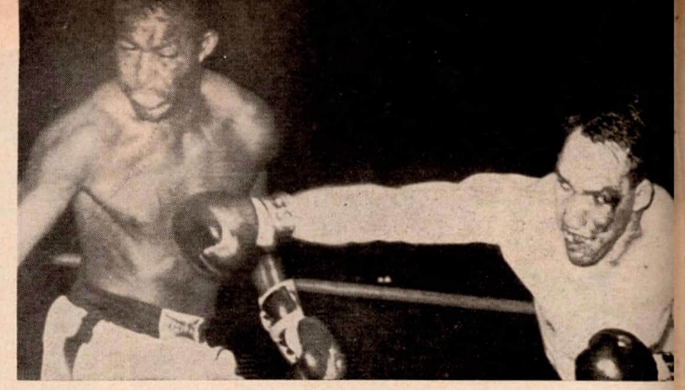
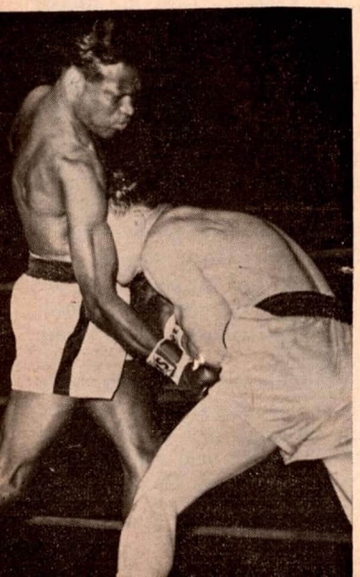




(Top, left)—Despite blood streaming from cut over left eye, Gene Fullmer (right)—continues to charge into Ray Robinson in fifth round of their N.B.A. middleweight title bout in Las Vegas. (Right)—Robinson winces as a long Fullmer right bounces off his chin in fourth round.

Fighters and referee apparently fail to hear bell ending exciting third round and the action continues on the ropes as George Gainford, Robinson's chief handler, rushes into ring. (Below)—A Robinson right to the body ricochets off Fullmer's arm and goes below the "dead line" in first round.



PENDER NEXT— MAYBE

Gene Fullmer Says He's Ready To Decide Real Ownership Of World Middleweight Crown In Neutral Territory

By NAT FLEISCHER

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—(Special to The Ring)—Gene Fullmer, West Jordan middleweight holder of the N.B.A. title, successfully defended his crown against Ray Robinson in their fourth bout staged in the Convention Center here before 7,410 persons. This time Gene won by unanimous decision. Unlike their third fight which ended in a controversial draw in Los Angeles, this contest found Gene well ahead on points and rounds and there could be no doubt about the accuracy of the verdict.

Gene may have the distinction of being the last boxer to defeat Sugar Ray whose marvelous ring career includes a record he may well be proud of. At this writing he is undecided on his future but leans strongly toward retirement.

As for Fullmer, who is recognized throughout National Boxing Association territory as world champion, but has failed to gain the support of the European Countries, New York State and Massachusetts, he is eager to settle the matter of supremacy with Paul Pender provided the Bay Stater is willing to accept a bout in territory designated by the N.B.A. champ. Thus the deadlock continues, with two men at the helm, Gene the N.B.A. titleholder and Pender the world champion. But indications point to a settlement before the summer is over. Harry Markson, managing director of Madison Square Garden boxing in New York, hopes to bag the bout although negotiations are pending for Pender to defend against Terry Downes in London in May.

His left eye almost closed, but smiling cheerfully as he met the press in a conference the day following his latest victory, Fullmer said:

"I'm now ready to gather in all of the middleweight crown. If Pender wants to face me in the ring, he'll have to meet my terms. I consider myself not only the N.B.A. champion, but the world title-holder, and Pender can have the opportunity to prove otherwise in June if he will fight me in neutral territory."

Then Gene went on to state that he regards Las Vegas as the proper place to stage the fight. He said he won't agree to defend his portion of the middleweight crown in Boston, New York or Los Angeles, three places prominently mentioned by the Pender mentors.

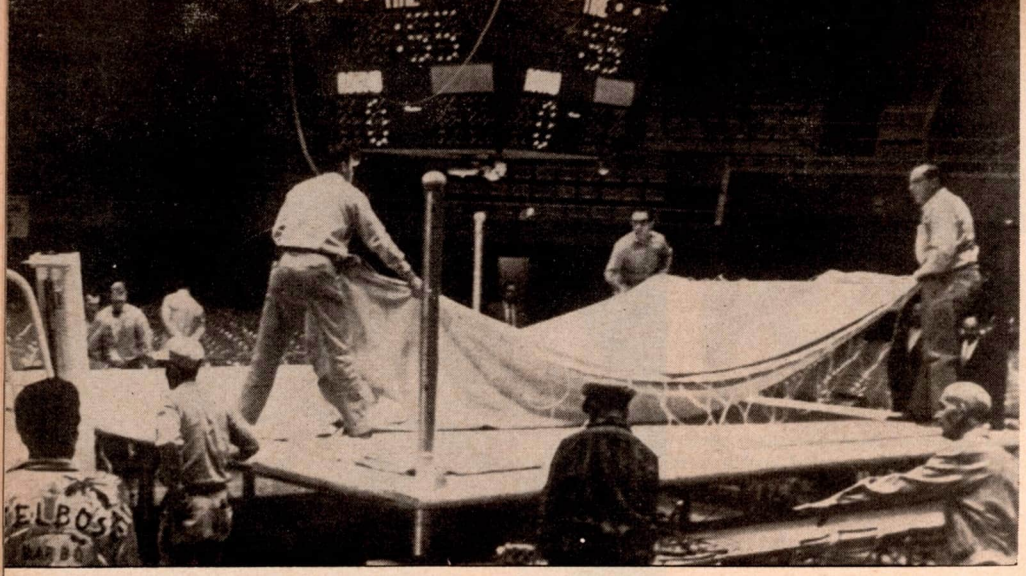
Fullmer's manager, Marv Jensen, added to Gene's statement that in the event Pender turns down the chance to fight Fullmer, he will consider a title bout with Gustav Scholz of Germany or Dick Tiger of Nigeria.

"Gene definitely wants to fight again in June despite tax problems," said Jensen. *"He likes to be kept busy and he feels a title bout is far better than an over-the-weight match. It is now up to Pender to decide and he'll have to do it quickly."*

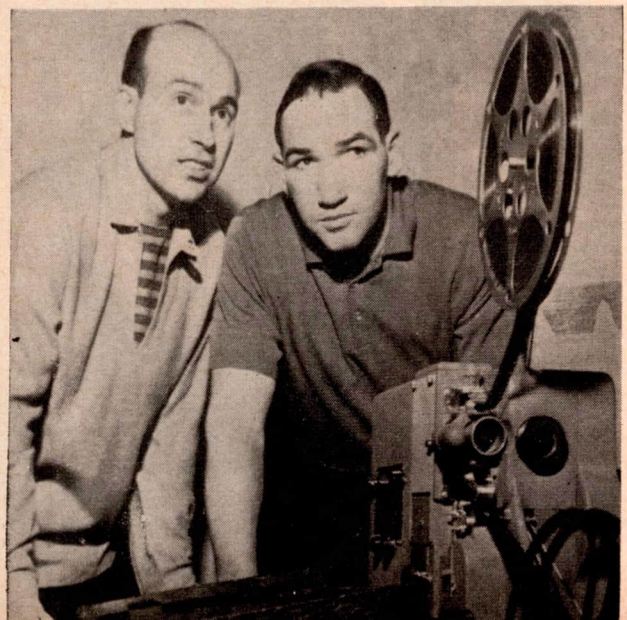
Ray declared that he was defeated by the failure of the commission to give him a larger ring.

"The ring supplied," said Robinson, *"though supposed to be eighteen feet, failed to measure more than seventeen. I didn't have a chance to move around as I'm accustomed to and that was why Fullmer was able to corner me so often and*

(Above)—Probably with an idea of returning to a stage dance routine when and if he decides to retire from the ring, Robinson keeps in practice by tripping the light fantastic with professional "hoofer" Eleanor Powell during leisure moments in his training schedule. (Right)—Fullmer and Robinson sound like members of Mutual Admiration Society after the bout, when each praises the other in interview with the press.



Protested by Robinson as "too small," the arena's regular 16-foot ring is torn down afternoon of the bout, and replaced by larger battle pit rushed from Los Angeles. The "larger" ring measures 17 feet when taped by newspaper men.



(Above)—Fullmer and his father admire congratulatory cake presented to Gene at his hotel headquarters after victory. (Below)—As part of their campaign of "strategy" in preparing for fight, Fullmer and his trainer, Angelo Curley, study motion pictures of previous bouts with Robinson.

to pin me against the ropes. It was when he pressed the issue against the ropes that he did his greatest damage to me and if the ring were larger, I believe he couldn't have succeeded in his plans."

Ray was the victim of a terrific shellacking in the third round. In that frame, the N.B.A. champ went all out in an effort to clinch the verdict via the knockout route. It appeared he would succeed as he had Robinson pressed against the ropes, and tossed 22 consecutive lefts and rights to the midsection and head without Robinson returning one blow. Ray didn't fire a punch. After the bell had sounded, with neither the referee nor the fighters hearing it, Gene delivered six more. How Ray withstood that heavy bombardment, few could fathom. He proved in that one round that he had conditioned himself for the goal he had set, but condition wasn't sufficient to turn the tide.

Thereafter, Fullmer went on to win as he had planned—by applying pressure, rushing with his head down like a bull and whaling away every time the pair came in close.

The bulling champion, following the first two rounds which Robinson won, unleashed an overhand right to the head that landed frequently and jarred Robinson. Like the bob-cats which he often has hunted in the Utah mountains, Fullmer rushed in and pounded away to the body with such effectiveness, he had Ray panting before half the fight was over.

Asked why he didn't step back in the third to get one good shot at Ray's jaw, Gene replied: *"Because I figured if I had, he would have had an opportunity to get out of range and away from me. That's the reason I had to concentrate wholly on the body attack and I think I weakened him to the extent he couldn't use his famous combinations as the fight progressed."*

A determined and vengeful Fullmer extended himself in his eagerness to even the score for the many annoyances he encountered in the pre-fight schedule and up to the very hour of the contest. The decision of the guest referee, Frankie Carter of San Francisco, and the judges, John P. Tighe of Reno and David Zenoff of Las Vegas, 74 to 66, 74 to 67 and 74 to 60, respectively, met with popular approval, although the fight wasn't as one-sided as the officials made it.

Ray did take a severe beating. One of the most colorful performers the ring has ever seen, Robinson's masterful craftsmanship has passed. Age has taken its toll, yet even at this stage he can take the measure of the majority of the younger contenders. Against Gene, his artistry was of little avail. The crude N.B.A. performer's strength and bull-dog rushes proved too much for the man who has been fighting for 22 years.

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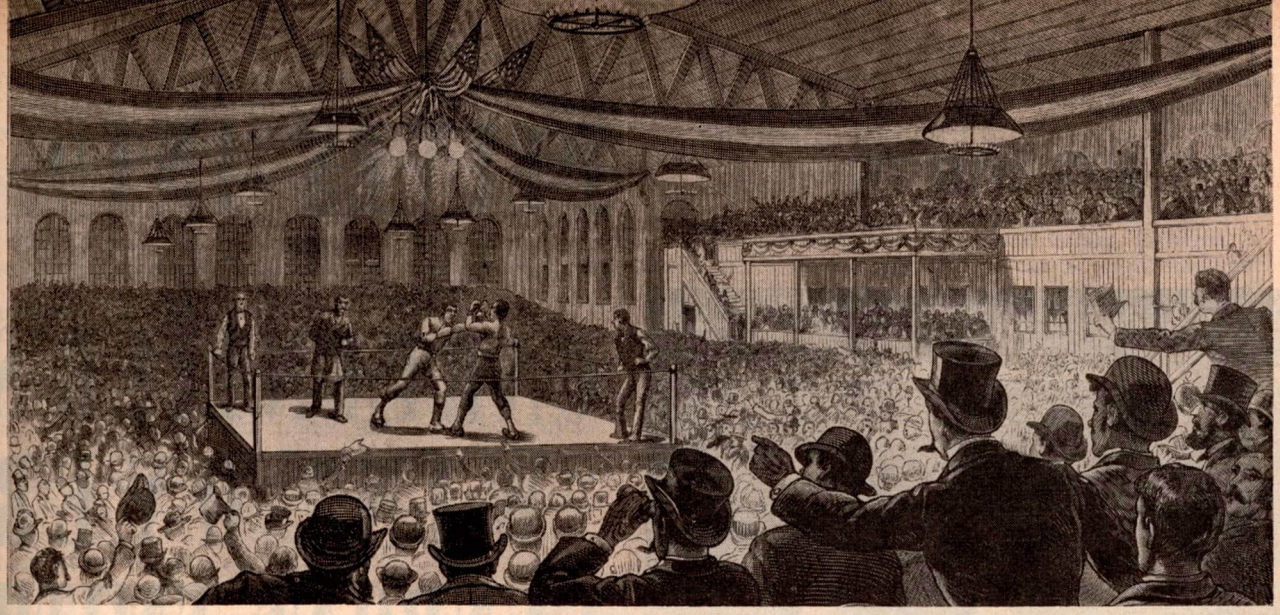

Ringside sketch of the international four round bout between Charley Mitchell and Jake Kilrain in the New England Institute Building, Boston, March 26, 1884. It was the first fight ever staged in the country under the Revised "Police Gazette" International Rules in which four ounce gloves were used. The fight ended in a draw.

HEAVYWEIGHT contests, when international fistic celebrities are involved, have always aroused world interest. In the days when John L. Sullivan ruled the roost, there were far more top contenders than we find to-day. Many were only middleweights yet mingled with the cream of the heavies. The weight problem was never considered in that era. Often we find in the historic records of the past, 160 pound pugilists fighting in bouts to a finish with opponents scaling close to 200 pounds or more.

Such was the case every time the claimant to the British heavyweight crown, Charley Mitchell entered a ring contest. A bona-fide middleweight possessing extreme cleverness, it will be recalled that in 1887 he fought Sullivan a draw of 39 rounds at Chantilly, France, on the estate of Baron Rothchild, for the world heavyweight championship. Prior to that, however, he had faced a number of tough hombres, including a bout in Madison Square Garden with the Boston Strong Boy that was halted by the police in the third round. In that affair he dropped the Boston Strong Boy in the opening round.

After Mitchell had won the British Empire middleweight title in 1882, Billy Madden, then touring England, staged a tournament which Mitchell won, following which he whipped Tug Wilson three times and Alf Greenfield and then accepted Madden's invitation to go to New York. He arrived on March 23, 1883 and a fortnight later whipped Mike Cleary in three rounds, lost to Sullivan in three, fought Danny Hayes a four rounder, drew with William Sheriff in seven and won from Joe Denning in four.

Madden by now was satisfied that Mitchell was the equal of America's best and decided that if he would either whip or draw with Jake Kilrain, then one of the outstanding American battlers, the man whom Richard K. Fox, owner of the Police Gazette was eager to pit against Sullivan, Madden could sell the Britisher to the public as a suitable opponent for the Great John L. in a championship match to a finish.

The Kilrain affair was arranged for Boston, for March 26, 1884 and on the day of the fight, 6000 spectators paid $1.00 and $2.00 entrance fee to the New England Institute to see the international fight. Though it was the era of skin-tight gloves and many bare-knuckle contests were also fought, Mitchell, like Sullivan, preferred to use gloves. His insistence and that of the Boston police, prevailed in their use. So keen was the interest, that special trips were arranged for New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey sportsmen to attend and the fight drew a packed house.

What made the fight one of international importance was the fact that it was the first exhibition of its kind ever held in Boston—four rounds under the "Police Gazette Revised rules." Though a drenching rain-storm made things uncomfortable for the fight fans, the arena was crowded. When the sports arrived, each spectator was given a copy of the new rules so that the fight could be followed more closely. Kilrain scaled 176 to 160 for Mitchell.

The fight was a fast one with excellent defensive work on the part of Mitchell and good, solid hits by his opponent. The Englishman got out of range of Kilrain's best punches by clever ducking and sidestepping. He tried to tire Jake by stepping about rapidly but Kilrain forced the issue, was the aggressor and in the third and fourth round landed many heavy blows to nose and body. Mitchell's judgment of distance was bad in the final round and the punches that did land, were lacking in force.

The fourth was their best round and the huge gathering speeded up their work with wild cheers for each. Just before the end of hostilities, Kilrain cornered Mitchell and pounded his body as he let go vicious lefts and rights.

The contest, the papers reported, was one of the best witnessed in the City of Culture and Kilrain was rated as an excellent opponent for Sullivan. It was the start of the drive that eventually brought Jake and John L. together in their famous 75 round bout.

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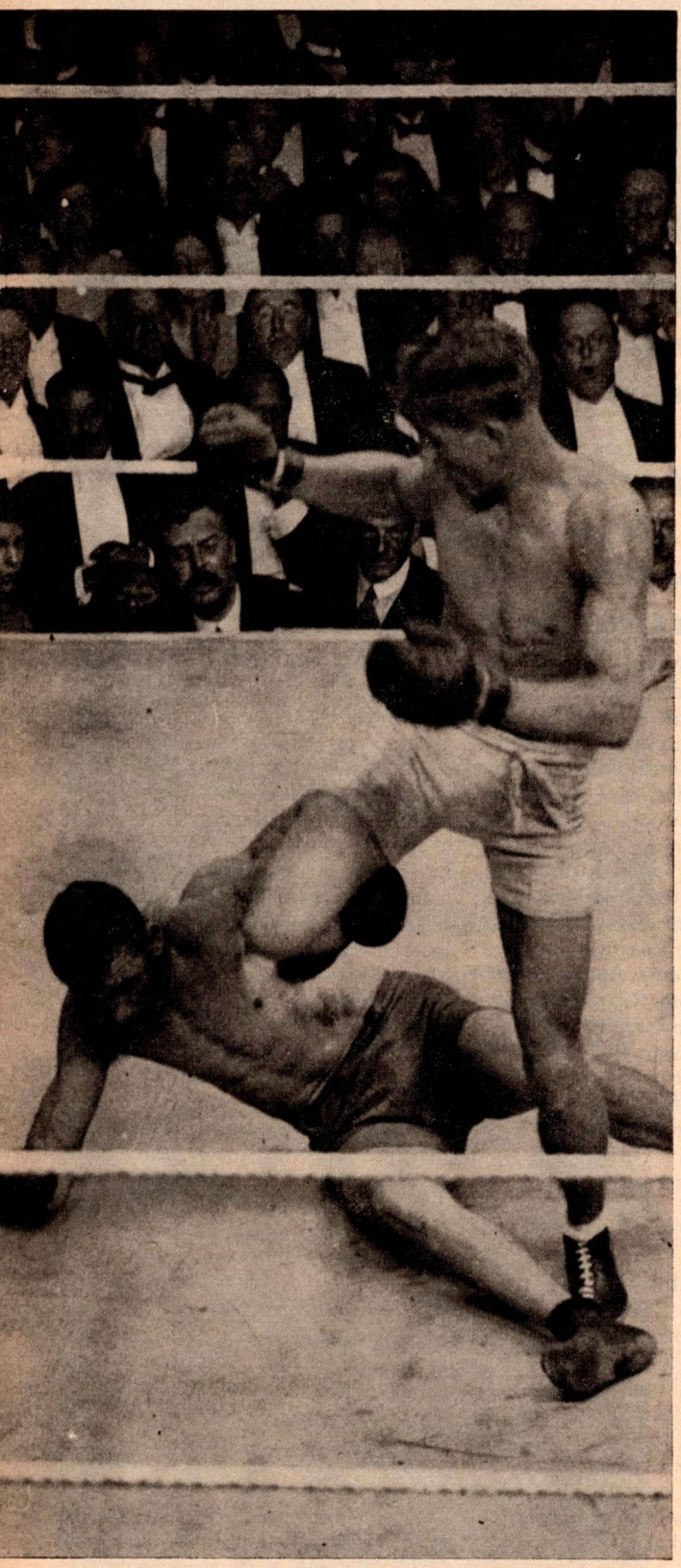
CARPENTIER'S "WIN" OVER GUNBOAT SMITH

Battle for "White Heavyweight Championship" Ended in Disputed Disqualification of American.



Gunboat Smith goes down in fourth round (above) but two rounds later he floors and practically knocks out Georges Carpentier, only to be disqualified for allegedly hitting Frenchman while he was down.

By

DANIEL M. DANIEL

IT is the pleasure of readers of The Ring Magazine to examine an entry in Nat Fleischer's Record Book which this coming July 16 will be forty-seven years old—the entry that is, not the Record Book.

On July 16, 1914, with the first World War only a few weeks away, Georges Carpentier, of France, won on a sixth-round foul from the American, Gunboat Smith. The famous Eugene Corri was the referee

The one-line story in the record book is not followed by a question mark. It is offered as a cold statement of fact. But now we are prompted to seek out the details and to delve into the circumstances.

In the United States, Smith was recognized as the leader of the White Hopes. In Europe, Carpentier was the best of the field.

Jack Johnson, first Negro to hold the world title, was the king of the ring at the time, and the winner of the Carpentier-Smith fight was to challenge for the championship.

In any event, the Gunboat and the Orchid Man were supposed to be battling for the supremacy of the white heavyweights.

Smith was under the management of Jim Buckley and Carp was piloted by Francois Deschamps, just about the

most resourceful and at times trickiest handler of his day. Francois had brought Georges up from a bantam.

Carpentier, who was to be knocked out by Jack Dempsey at Jersey City soon after the Mauler took the title from Jess Willard, was an overweight member of the middleweight caste. It will be recollected that when Carp was in training for Dempsey, Jack Curley was so fearful of expert criticism on the score of the Frenchman's weighing even less than 170 that he had him work out in secret.

GUNBOAT'S FINE RECORD

In any event, there was considerable at stake in the Carpentier-Smith fight. Much more than now would appear on the surface. It was a fight the Frenchman just had to win. Win it he did, but under odd conditions and in questionable circumstances, offering the fight as an interesting case for the current investigator.

Smith was called Gunboat for two valid reasons. In the first place, he was a Navy man, born Edward J., in Philadelphia. Then again, Edward was endowed with a pair of feet which justified the designation of gunboats.

There was a thoroughly apocryphal story that sparring with Johnson in a San Francisco gymnasium, the Gunner dropped the champion of the world with his famous looping right hander. This the experts called the Occipital Punch. It became better known as the 'Orspital Punch.

Yes, the Gunner, who weighed about 180, was a top class fighter who, in this era, might rate as high as champion of the world.

Smith had flattened Arthur Pelkey, Jim Savage, Jim Stewart, Tony Ross and the British champion, Bombardier Billy Wells, who also had lost twice to Carpentier.

Smith had outpointed the great Sam Langford, oncoming champion Jess Willard, and Frank Moran, who was later to hold Jack Johnson to a close decision in Paris.

Before going into the details of the Smith-Carpentier fight, it is essential to point out that Corri, the referee, was a gentleman of high standing with the National Sporting Club of London. He had a fine reputation for ability, he never before had lost his head and made a false move, and he was 100 percent honest.

SMITH FLOORS CARPENTIER

In the sixth round, Smith landed his 'Orspital Punch to the jaw, and the Frenchman went down. Down, and apparently out. That was a terrific right.

While Georges was down, Smith cut loose with another right which merely grazed Carp's head.

Georges had tried desperately to arise and had failed. He got to his knees and then sank back as the Gunner made that second swing.

The second punch had done no damage whasoever. Corri stood there wondering which way to turn. He could overlook the innocuous blow. Or he could insist that the strict English rule be respected to the very letter.

However, before Corri could act, his mind appeared to have been made up for him by the excited Deschamps. He jumped into the ring and hollered "Foul" in two languages.

Supporters of the idol of the Paris boulevards screamed, also in two languages. Carp's seconds followed the manager into the ring, where Georges was holding his head with both hands, a grand actor, as always.

Francois and his boys got their man into his corner and made a great show of restoring him to full consciousness from the effects of a supposedly foul blow.

In the meantime, Deschamps was hurling invectives at Smith, again in two languages. Francois could hurl that stuff with Montmartre embellishments.

From the start, the spectators were on the Frenchman's side. Not that they really loved Carp so much, but they liked the American less.

The announcer could not make himself heard, but it was quite evident that Corri had given the fight to the Frenchman. The announcer kept pointing to the Orchid Man.

Smith had knocked out Wells in seventy seconds, and that made him persona non grata with the Whitechapel lads in the gallery and the carriage trade at the ringside.

In some way the English fans reasoned that a Carpentier victory over Smith would atone for the Bombardier's quick retirement against the Gunner.

FIGHT WAS EVEN

When the sixth round fouls occurred, it was a fair and even fight. Carp dropped the Gunner in the fourth, and he arose just before the bell. In the fifth, Smith belted his way back to good standing and in the sixth it was the Gunner again up to the abrupt finish.

Smith took the lead in the first round with a couple of uppercuts which hurt. In the second round, the Frenchman went into an odd shift and the Gunner fell for it. Georges continued his first round feinting with his left, but shot his right to the face with telling effect. Georges then landed two hard lefts without a return.

The third round saw Corri warn the Gunner about hitting low. Carp tried to go back to the shift, but Buckley had analyzed the manoeuvre for Smith, and quickly set up a defense. Smith was getting inside the Frenchman's guard.

The fourth round started fast. Smith missed with a left and was no better with the right. The Gunner tried to get fancy and turned out to be careless. The Frenchman crashed his right to the jaw and the American hit the floor. The big Olympia arena became a Bedlam. The Yankee was done for. But at nine he got to his feet, and then the round ended.

They went at it hot and heavy in the fifth, Carp eager to follow up his knockdown advantage and Smith forced to make up for that bad fourth round. Georges scored with one telling punch, a vicious left hook. But the Gunner shot combinations at the Parisian.

There were 20,000 in the Olympia that night and they paid $100,000 to see the fight. Carp got $20,000 and Smith ten "grand."

Joe Garntau, American boxing official who was at the ringside, denounced Corri and the decision. But he shouted in the desert.

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

Ratings for the Month ending March 22nd

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
FLOYD PATTERSON, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

1—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Portland, Ore.
3—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
4—**HENRY COOPER,** England
5—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
6—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.
7—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina
8—**GEORGE CHUVALO,** Canada
9—**ROBERT CLEROUX,** Canada
10—**TOM McNEELEY,** Arlington, Mass.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PAUL PENDER, Brookline, Mass.

*1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
3—**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
4—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
5—**TERRY DOWNES,** England
6—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.
7—**HANK CASEY,** Richmond, Calif.
8—**FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ,** Cuba
9—**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Ore.
10—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.

* NBA Middleweight Champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, Baton Rouge, La.

1—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
2—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
3—**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
5—**DOUG VAILLANT,** Cuba
*6—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
7—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
8—**GIORDANO CAMPARI,** Italy
9—**SOLOMON BOYSAW,** Cleveland, O.
10—**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.

* NBA Junior Lightweight Champion

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
Title Vacant

*1—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
1—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
3—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
4—**PERO ROLLO,** Italy
5—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
6—**KENJI YONEKURA,** Japan
7—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
8—**ELOY SANCHEZ,** Mexico
9—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
10—**ENRIQUE HITCHMAN,** Cuba

* NBA Bantamweight Champion

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

*1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**GIULIO RINALDI,** Italy
3—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
4—**DOUG JONES,** New York, N. Y.
5—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
6—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** Miami, Fla.
7—**VON CLAY,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**BOBO OLSON,** Portland, Ore.
9—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
10—**KIRK BARROW,** Spokane, Wash.

* NBA Light Heavyweight Champion

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
BENNY PARET, Cuba

1—**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N. Y.
2—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
3—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
4—**FEDERICO THOMPSON,** Argentina
*5—**DULIO LOI,** Italy
6—**JORGE FERNANDEZ,** Argentina
7—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
8—**BRIAN CURVIS,** Wales
9—**TED WRIGHT,** Detroit, Mich.
10—**GOMEO BRENNAN,** Bimini, Bahamas

* NBA Junior Welterweight Champion

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

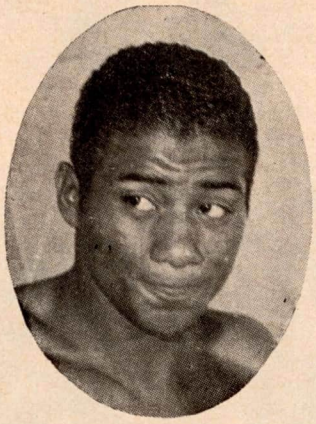
1—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
2—**SUGAR RAMOS,** Cuba
3—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
4—**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
5—**RAY NOBILE,** Italy
6—**TERRY SPINKS,** England
7—**JUAN RAMIREZ,** Mexico
8—**HOWARD WINSTONE,** Wales
9—**DANNY VALDEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**FLOYD ROBERTSON,** Ghana

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PONE KINGPETCH, Thailand

1—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
2—**JOHNNY CALDWELL,** Ireland
3—**MIMUN BEN ALI,** Spain
4—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
5—**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina
6—**MITSUNORI SEKI,** Japan
7—**RISTO LUKKONEN,** Finland
8—**EDMUNDO ESPARZA,** Mexico
9—**HIRAM BACALLAO,** Cuba
10—**CARLOS RODRIGUEZ,** Argentina

Floyd Patterson, Fighter of the Month



THE heavyweight championship series between Ingemar Johansson and Floyd Patterson is over and America stands firmly entrenched in the class with four of the leading six contenders in the international ratings. Floyd's knockout of the Swede gained for him the Fighter of the Month honor and dropped Johansson in the ratings from second to fourth, with Sonny Liston continuing as the leader and Eddie Machen and Zora Folley following.

When British Empire champion Chic Calderwood of Scotland was defeated by Von Clay of Philadelphia, the first defeat suffered by the Scot in thirty contests, it brought Chic down from third place to fifth in the light heavyweight class and got Von Clay back into the ranking ten. He is now rated seventh. Eric Schoppner of Germany and Doug Jones of New York, each advanced to third and fourth, respectively.

Mike Holt of South Africa, loser to Eddie Cotton and George Mahon, was dropped while Bobo Olson went up one peg from ninth to eighth and Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis exchanged posts with him. Lennart Risberg of Sweden, held to a draw by Germinal Ballarin, was eliminated to make way for Clay, and Kirk Barrow of Spokane, Wash. joined the elite in tenth post.

In the middleweight class, Ray Robinson, again loser to Gene Fullmer, the N.B.A. Champion, has been dropped from second to fourth position with Gustav Scholz of Germany and Dick Tiger of Nigeria, up one each to second and third respectively.

Terry Downes of England, moved up from seventh to fifth with inactive Joey Giambra of Buffalo and Hank Casey of Richmond, California, each down one spot to six and seventh. Joey Giardello of Philadelphia, who lost to welter Ralph Dupas, is now in the tenth post, one below last month and Denny Moyer of Portland, Oregon, traded places with him.

Dupas' feat gained an advance for him in the welter class. He's now ranked second. Federico Thompson of Argentine dropped from first to fourth with Luis Rodriguez remaining third.

Gasper Ortega of Mexico, who beat champion Benny Paret of Cuba in a non-title bout, rejoined the select circle, in the seventh post. Ted Wright of Detroit who upset Thompson has joined the rankings in ninth post, with Charley Scott removed and Brian Curvis of Wales and Gomeo Brennan of the Bahamas dropped one position each. Don Jordan, loser to Carmen Basilio, has been removed to enable Ortega to be ranked in his stead.

In the lightweight division, Kenny Lane of Muskegon, Michigan, advanced two places from ninth to seventh following his draw with Carlos Hernandez of Venezuela, who fell from third to fourth. Len Matthews of Philadelphia, traded posts with Hernandez. Solomon Boysaw of Cleveland, was upped from tenth to ninth following his kayo of Guy Gracia of France. Eddie Perkins dropped from eighth to tenth.

There were no changes among the featherweights nor the bantams, but in the flyweight division, Ramon Arias of Venezuela, who upset Number one contender, Minum Ben Ali of Spain, advanced from seventh to fourth with the Spaniard dropped from first to third place. Sadao Yaoita of Japan and Johnny Caldwell of Ireland, each advanced one, to first and second posts respectively and Pascual Perez of Argentina, Mitsunori Seki of Japan and Risto Lukkonen of Finland, each lost one position to fifth, sixth and seventh.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Danny Garcia, Oakland, Calif.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Lew Moses, New York City, N. Y.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Allen Thomas, Chicago, Ill.
WELTERWEIGHT—Gil Diaz, Puerto Rico
LIGHTWEIGHT—Billy Anderson, Doylestown, Pa.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Luis Figueroa, Puerto Rico
BANTAMWEIGHT—Trino Savala, Sacramento, Calif.
FLYWEIGHT—Miguel Botta, Argentina

The fights of the month, follow:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champion Floyd Patterson retained his title by stopping Ingemar Johansson, 6.

Sonny Liston kayoed Howard King, 3.

Eddie Machen kayoed Garvin Sawyer, 5. Alex Miteff outfought Alonzo Johnson, 10.

Pete Rademacher halted Harvey Taylor, 1. Young Jack Johnson outpointed Willi Besmanoff, 10. Roy Harris won on a disqualification over Dave Rent, 5. George Logan outpointed Frankie Daniels, 10.

Alejandro Lavorante kayoed Duke Sabedong, 5. Cassius Clay stopped Donnie Fleeman, 7. Belgian champion Alain Cherville outscored Werner Wiegand, 10, and drew with Federico Frisco, 8. Bert Whitehurst stopped Franco Cavicchi, 8.

Thoerner Ahsman defeated Horst Niche, 10. LaMar Clark kayoed Dick Wilburn, 2. Franco DiPiccoli outscored Maurice Mols, 10. Willie Richardson stopped Bob Albright, 6. Larry Maldonado kayoed Jerry Gaines, 5. Peter Bates and Ray Shiel, drew 8. Ernie Cab defeated Sonny Moore, 10.

Amos Johnson halted Willie Gill, 7. Gerhard Zech kayoed Al Kramp, 3. Catarino Guerrero kayoed Johnny Moreno, 1. Plino Scarabellin kayoed Jose Peyre, 3.

Tony Hughes whipped Ike Thomas, 10. Eddie Jackson stopped John Riggins, 7. Roy Smith stopped Harvey Howell, 6. Bill Daniels defeated Tommy Sims, 6.

Harvey Jones drew with Lou Bailey, 5. Tod Herring stopped Georgie Johnson, 6. Jay Bee stopped Jim Wiley, 6. John Hunt defeated Willie Morris, 6. John Massey decisioned Tiger Lynch, 6.

Kunu Shurefoot kayoed Dick Jump, 3. Obie Pachall kayoed Earl Atley, 1. John Henry kayoed Ted Donald, 1. Dave Furch halted Bob Mumford, 3. Bob Avery whipped Cliff Gray, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Giulio Rinaldi outpointed Freddy Mack, 10.

Von Clay snapped the unbeaten streak of British Empire champion Chic Calderwood at 29 by winning a decision, 10.

Doug Jones halted Floyd McCoy, 3. Bobo Olson kayoed Floyd Buchanan, 3. Eddie Cotton outscored Mike Holt, 10.

Lennart Risberg and Germinal Ballarin drew, 10, Ballarin beat Henny VanBerkum, 10. Kirk Barrow kayoed Floyd Joyner, 2 and Al Green, 3. Jose Manzur kayoed Justo Benitez, 1.

Mauro Mina outpointed Sonny Ray, 10. Roque Maravilla defeated Artie Dixon, 10. George Mahoni defeated Mike Holt, 12.

Yolande Pompey drew with Pekka Kokkonen, 8. Chuck Garrett outscored Sonny Ray, 10. Connie Vaughn kayoed Pedro Gonzales, 3. Antonio Diaz won over Pablo Sagrispanti, 10.

Leen Jansen kayoed Rudolf Nehring, 3. Gordie McDougall stopped Clarence Penton, 4. Wladis Kopec kayoed Uwe Janssen, 5. Floyd Palmer won from Frank Haynes, 8.

Babe Simmons halted Charley Pavlis, 3. Ron Barton won on a disqualification over Jimmy Attoh, 3. Willie Gill kayoed John Bala, 1. Ernie Knox defeated Cornelius Brown, 8.

Gerry McNally beat Alf Barker, 8. Allen Harmon halted Pekka Kokkonen, 2. Cleo Frazier stopped Floyd Sampson, 4. Dick McDowell whipped Roy Smith, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Gene Fullmer retained his NBA title outpointing Ray Robinson, 15.

Carmen Basilio whipped Don Jordan, 10.

British champ Terry Downes stopped Willie Green, 3. Argentine champion Farid Salim won over Alfredo Yacanto, 10 and Luis Toledo, 10.

Joey Giardello lost to welter Ralph Dupas, 10. Laszelo Papp defeated Sauveur Chiocca, 10. Andres Selpa kayoed Ramon Tapia, 4. Jean Ruellet kayoed Eduard Lewko, 8.

Yama Bahama kayoed Bobby Shore, 8 and defeated Giancarlo Garbelli, 10. Michel Diouf defeated Klaus Langhammer, 10. Rudy Ellis stopped Roscoe Shamblin, 6. Joe Gonzalez stopped Victor Zalazar, 7.

Ralph Jones and Joe DeNucci drew, 10. Victoriano Olivares won the Spanish title on a foul from Fernando Penarroya, 12. Ted Wright stopped Sugar Hart, 9. Fitzroy Whyte defeated Levi Campbell, 10.

Del Flanagan stopped Ernie Smith, 5. Kid Azteca kayoed Alfonso Malgara, 1. Hachiro Tatsumi drew with Takao Maemizo, 10. John McCormack defeated Phil Edwards, 12. Esteban Caprani upset Rocky Rivero, 10. Mel Collins outscored Jimmy Hopkins, 10.

J. C. Johnson decisioned Bill Bailey, 10. Duane Horsman kayoed Evan Buford, 1. John Osborne defeated Willie Jennings, 10. Fumio Kaizu won decision over Jiro Sawada, 6.

Gene Leslie stopped Santiago Gutierrez, 9. Everardo Armenta won over Federico Payan, 10. Hector Constance drew with Heini Freytag, 8. Gene Johns kayoed Tony Montano, 2.

Jose Macias kayoed Jose DeLaRosa, 3. George Aldridge won from Sandy Luke, 8. Chuck McCreary halted Arley Seifer, 5. Georgie Johnson kayoed Bobby Hughes, 6. Ose Marcano stopped Billy Rooks, 2.

Pat O'Grady stopped Tommy Tagoe, 7. Babe McCarron defeated Lee Williams, 10. Johnny Alford kayoed John Ford, 1. Bob Lee whipped Ernie Gipson, 6. Moses Cooper won from Ernie Catrini, 6.

Otha Brown defeated Cliff Morris, 10. John Wallace and Cal Brown drew, 6. Dick Lane decisioned Mutt Goodwin, 10. Vicente Reyes decisioned Marcelino Gonzales, 8.

Lee Ballard won over Dick Cotton, 6. Tito Velez whipped Johnny Torres, 6. Leonard Coleman won over Ray Avila, 6. Allen Thomas kayoed Walter Turner, 1. Tito Velez whipped Al Milone, 6.

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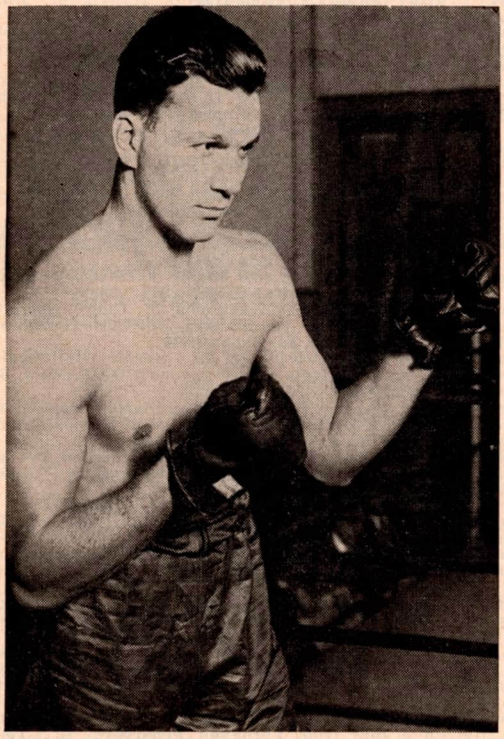
Some Light on LIGHT-HEAVIES

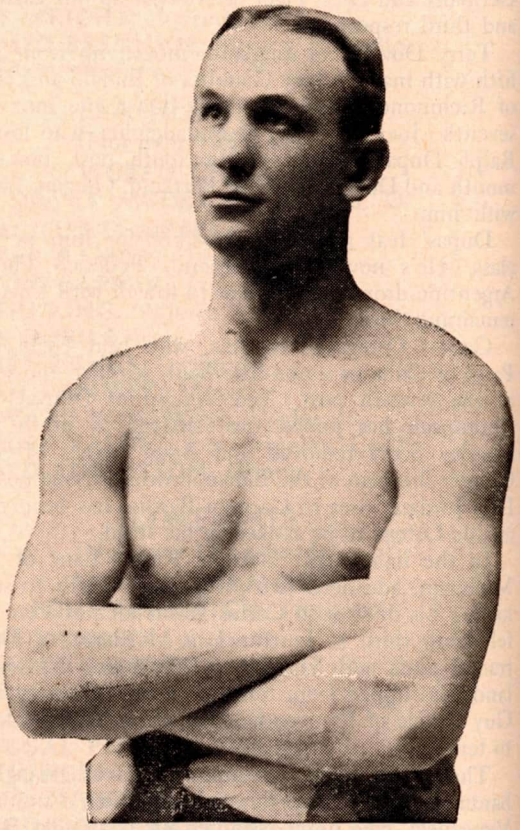
(Left)—A stylish boxer and popular champion, Jack Delaney gave up light-heavyweight title to try his luck with heavyweights. (Above.) Jack Dillon, who specialized in beating big 'uns, shakes hand with Frank Moran before their battle in Brooklyn. Dillon (in white trunks) conceded height, reach and 35 pounds in weight —and whipped his man!



By JERSEY JONES

THE second youngest of boxing's eight major weight classes—the flyweight is the "baby" of the lot—the light-heavyweight class has accounted for some of the most distinguished mechanics and colorful chapters in the rugged history of the prize ring.

Another interesting chapter promises to be authored when Ancient Archie Moore, the gay vagabond, defends his world title against the Italian challenger, Giulio Rinaldi, in New York's Madison Square Garden in June.



Jack Root, the first champion of the light-heavyweight division, created by Manager Lou Houseman for Root's bout with Kid McCoy in Detroit in 1903.

Moore himself represents one of the division's more intriguing chapters.

For one thing, at the age of 45 (by his own figures) or 48 (by his mother's) Archie is the oldest ringster ever to hold a world championship.

For another thing, his current reign, dating from December 17, 1952, when he relieved Joey Maxim of the title in St. Louis, is the longest in the history of the division.

In the nearly eight and a half years Moore has ruled the 175-pound roost, the other classes have had frequent turnovers in their champions. The heavyweights have shifted their head men four times. The middleweights have had seven alternating bosses, with two of them now disputing rightful ownership. The welterweight title has bounced around nine times. The lightweights have had five champions, the featherweights three, the bantamweights five (with the title currently without a universally-recognized proprietor), and the flyweights three.

As champion, ol' Archie has done a fairly thorough job of eliminating threatening gestures toward his laurels. After taking the title from Maxim, Moore whipped Joey twice more, in Ogden in 1953 and Miami in 1954. Also in 1954 he knocked out Harold Johnson in New York. In 1955 he squelched the ambitious bid of middleweight champion Bobo Olson by wrecking him in New York. In 1956 he journeyed to England to polish off Yolande Pompey in London. His 1957 defense was a demolition job on Tony Anthony in Los Angeles. His two battles with Yvon Durelle in Montreal were in 1958 and 1959.

Only in 1960 did Archie fail to risk his precious laurels. He was matched in Toronto with Erich Schoppner, the European champion, but after a couple of postponements the bout was cancelled.

While holding the light-heavyweight title, Moore also has had two cracks at the Big Prize, the heavyweight championship, but was knocked out by Marciano in New York in 1945 and by Floyd Patterson in Chicago in 1956.

JACK ROOT FIRST CHAMPION.

The light-heavyweight division began modestly enough in 1903. Lou Houseman, a Chicago newspaperman and boxing promoter, was managing Jack Root. He matched Root with the veteran Kid McCoy in Detroit.

Since there was a big gap in avoirdupois between the middleweight limit, then 158 pounds, and such ponderous heavyweights as 220-pound Champion Jim Jeffries, Houseman conceived the idea of an "in-between" class for fighters who were too big for the middleweights and too light for the heavyweights. He set the poundage for the new class at 175. Both Root and McCoy qualified. For publicity as well as practical purposes, Houseman advertised the match as for the championship of the new class.

Root won the decision. He didn't hold the title very long, however. He won it April 22, and two and a half months later, on July 4, lost it to George Gardner at Fort Erie.

Gardner's reign also was a brief one, lasting four and a half months. On November 25 he was beaten by Bob Fitzsimmons in San Francisco.

By his victory, Fitz, at 41, became the first fighter in history to have acquired three different world titles. He had previously been middleweight and heavyweight champions.

Fitz wasn't very active as boss of the new division. In the two years and one month he held the title, he engaged in only one no-decision bout, and in his first defense of the laurels he was beaten by Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in San Francisco on December 20, 1905.

O'Brien wasn't overly impressed with the importance of the light-heavyweight title, and made no effort to defend it. He preferred fighting heavyweights, and had two cracks at Champion Tommy Burns in Los Angeles, drawing in 1906 and losing in 1907.

The 175-pound championship was out of competition until O'Brien retired in 1912, and was brought back into circulation by Jack Dillon.

The Hoosier did a fine job of eliminating his outstanding rivals, and was recognized as champion when he whipped Al Norton in Kansas City on April 28, 1914.

Dillon was relieved of the title by Battling Levinsky in Boston on October 24, 1916.

Georges Carpentier hopped over from France to take the laurels from Levinsky in Jersey City on October 12, 1920.

STRANGE BATTLING SIKI.

In one of the most stunning shocks the division has ever known, Carpentier was blasted out of the title by that irresponsible West African, Battling Siki, in Paris on September 24, 1922.

If the Singular Senegalese accounted for a real shocker

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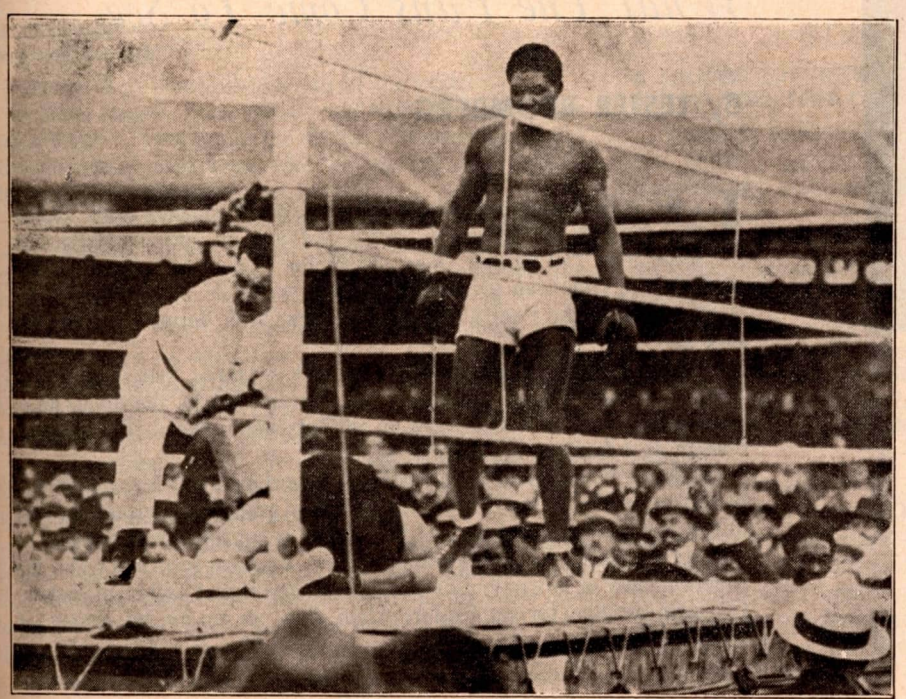
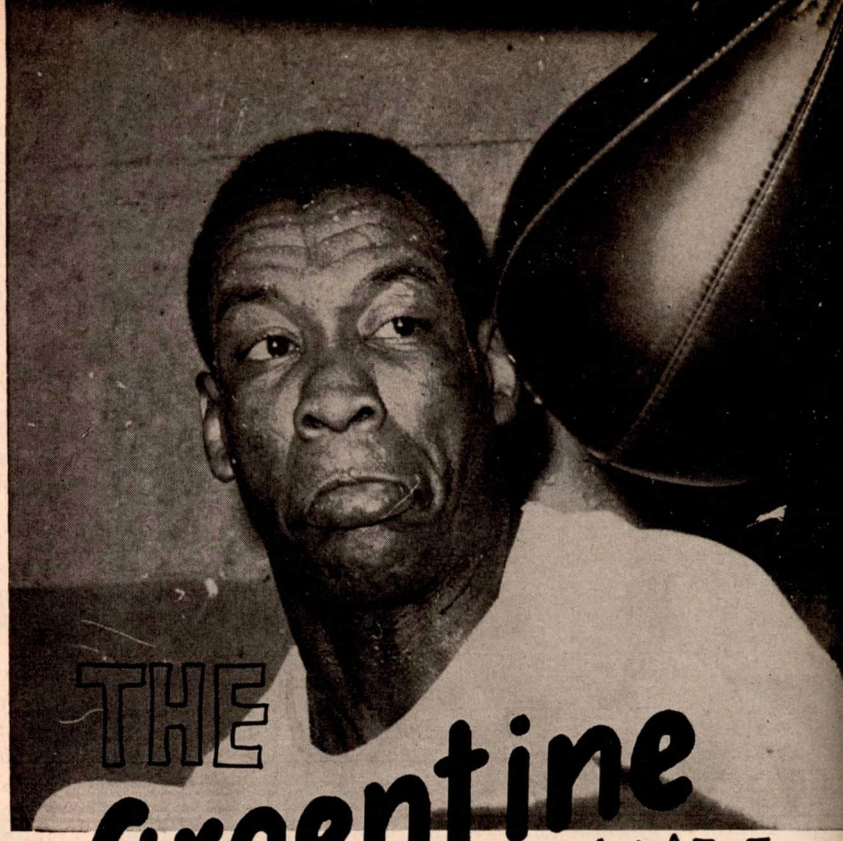


One of most stunning shocks in light-heavyweight history was knockout (left) of French idol, Georges Carpentier, by the Singular Senegalese, Battling Siki, in Paris. Siki later had audacity to defend title against an Irishman in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. It was no surprise when he lost.

(Right) Federico Thompson, who is still the top 147 pound contender although beaten in his bid for the crown last December. (Below) Vittorio Campolo, giant heavyweight who followed Firpo to the U.S.A. in the late 1920's who gave fans action but never reached the heights.



THE Argentine WAY

There Is No Problem As To Whether Public Will Like Argentine Fighters They Come To Fight And That's What The Fans Come To See

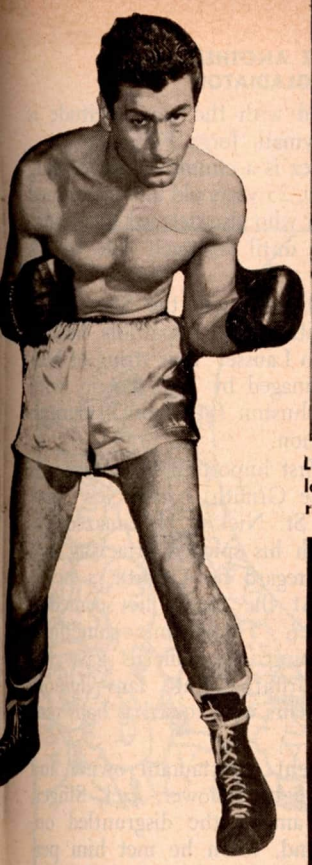
By LESTER BROMBERG

IN the same building which houses Luna Park, Buenos Aires' 18,000-odd capacity boxing arena, there is a gym with accommodations for more than 250 fighters. The size of the gym is not unusual. Most of the older American gyms could handle a couple of hundred at one time, especially the Eighth Ave. one in New York, formerly called Stillman's.

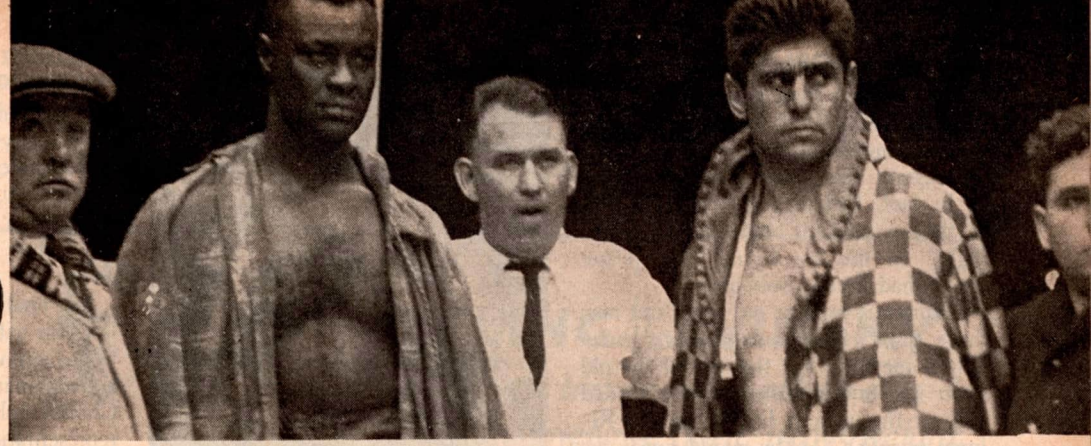
What's exceptional about the Luna Park set-up is that it is used to the full six days a week. Gyms in this country, hit by the drying-up of local clubs and the elimination of all but one national TV program, operate at a fraction of capacity.

Obviously where there are many fighters working at their trade, there is bound to be a high level of proficiency. And proficiency means the best in the sport—clean punching and fast action as continually as possible.

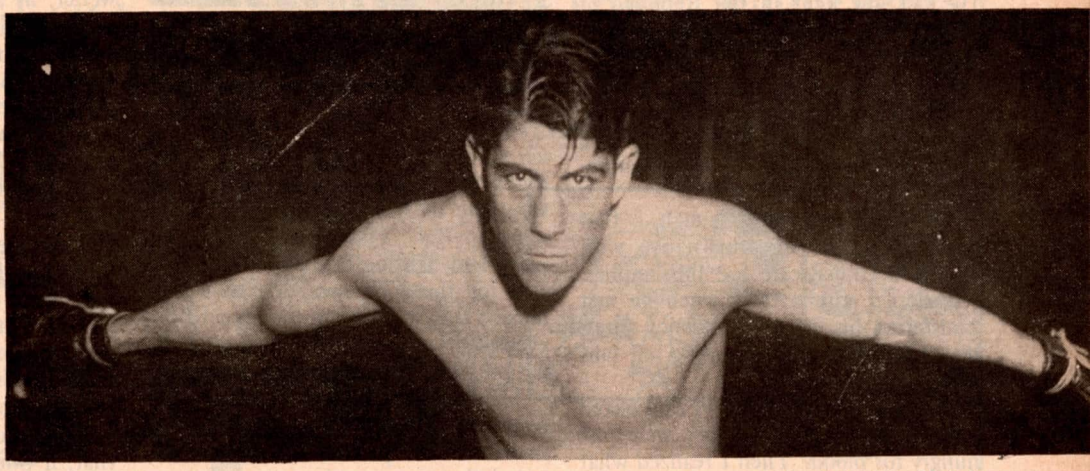
Over a considerable period of years now, we have seen proof that the Argentine way of boxing builds (1) healthy fan-interest within the nation; (2) high prestige for its fighters when they go to foreign centers of the game.



Eduardo Lausse, hard socking middleweight left hook artist, who is very popular in his home land and in the United States. Lausse holds a win over Gene Fullmer.



Luis Angel Firpo (right) poses with Harry Wills before their fight in Jersey City in 1924. This was next to the last fight in the U. S. for "The Wild Bull of the Pampas" and ended in a "no-decision" decision after twelve rounds. Firpo's fight with Jack Dempsey made him a hero in Latin America.



Justo Suarez, colorful lightweight whose career was cut short due to an eye injury. He fought in New York in 1930 defeating Louis Kid Kaplan.

Internationally they rate as preferred entertainment risks. Harry Markson, managing director of Madison Square Garden's boxing department, recently said:

"One of the problems of importing foreigners—and we often have to put up the fare in advance—is knowing whether the public will like them. With Argentinians, our gamble is at a minimum. In the language of the fight mob, they come to fight."

ARGENTINIANS IN AMERICAN AREA

Evidence is as plentiful today as in the past.

With us recently have been such bold gauchos of the ring as Federico Thompson, the skillful veteran welterweight contender, and Jorge Fernandez, a younger and colorful title prospect in the same class.

A short while back our boxing was enlivened by Eduardo Lausse, exciting middleweight threat. And who has forgotten the saga of Luis Angel Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas?

To know this breed of fighting man, one should know the fistic climate in which he develops. One who does is Orlando Zulueta, Americanized Cuban old-timer who has boxed in Argentina and had the benefit of observing Buenos Aires boxing in the role of a Spanish-speaking visitor.

"As you may have heard, there's something different down there," he pointed out. *"You sense it in the gym, you feel it when you appear before their fans.*

"At the bottom of the whole thing is a great pride. They become fighters to make money, yes, but there is something more for them—they are always trying to show how brave, how tough they are . . . to hold, run, twist, turn, this is dishonorable, they believe; they stand up to punch it out and, when they go down, they go down with honor."

Zulueta admitted frankly that the competition there was too wearing for him.

"I've been boxing 20 years," he went on, *"but if I was down there, I doubt I'd last 10. They have no easy fights, they don't even have easy workouts . . . you spar with some kid, you figure he'll respect you and your reputation. It isn't that way at all, he'll tear into you, he'll try to take you out in the gym. I don't blame them, it's the only way they know how to fight. But, for old man Zulueta, I don't have to like it . . . and I don't!"*

A FEARLESS LOT, THEY BRAVE DANGER AND TAKE CHANCES

According to Zulueta, the attitude of the average Argentine fighter towards the possibility of being hurt is much like that of a matador faced with injury or death against a bull.

"They call it the hazards of the profession. Some of them are quite religious and they pray before every fight to their patron saint. . . . It is faith. But it never keeps them from taking chances. They are fearless."

On December 10 last year, Thompson, fighting Benny Paret for the title in the Garden and on national TV, suffered a savage cut in his mouth. It came in the third round and seemingly doomed his chances over the 15-round distance.

Those watching could see that Federico, an authentic fighting man of the ring, in his mid-thirties, thought nothing of the wound despite its free bleeding. Each round he charged from the corner, intent only on finding the spot to land his hurtful combination punches. Often he found them but he was facing an iron-chinned opponent.

Looking ahead, ringsiders could visualize nothing better

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for Thompson than more punishment. And he caught it. But something within him wouldn't allow even a slight concession that Paret had him going.

In fact, Federico, in the 14th and 15th, mounted his best offensive of the fight. In the last round his repeater rights had Benny wobbling.

Time was running out and Paret may have eased off, knowing he was virtually home free. Yet the fury of the old man was undiminished. He reminded you of the ancient line about the Roman warrior . . . *"he would finish the battle with his shield—or on it."*

Thompson is not Argentine-born. He first saw light in the Republic of Panama, his parents both coming from Jamaica, B.W.I. He didn't get to Buenos Aires until he was 22, in 1955.

"But I am more Argentine than Panamanian," he has said intensely. For one thing, he now is a citizen of that country.

The bigger part of it, though, is that he fights like an Argentina native, with all the devil-may-care fire this implies.

Federico admits that, when he first transferred his career to Buenos Aires, he lacked full understanding of fans there.

"I heard them boo fellows who boxed carefully and I thought they were just hungry for blood. Then I realized what they wanted—that fighters should be men, skillful but ready to take a chance at doing things the spectacular way. And I pride myself on being a man."

He had earned his greatest acclaim from countrymen in the fall of 1959 when he met Don Jordan, then the welter champion, at Buenos Aires' Luna Park. Jordan, a riding-high champion at the time, took on Thompson as a soft touch in an over-the-weight bout. Seven days earlier he had whipped Funando Bonetta in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

As it was, Federico stepped into Don as if it were just another night's work.

"I kept jabbing and easing over so that he would be tempted to throw a right at me . . . nothing happened. I began to wonder if he really saw the opening. Then, in the fourth, he finally started to attack.

"I countered with four hooking rights and a sharp left hook. He was hurt and fell into the ropes. His hands were down when he came off the ropes. Now I hit him a left hook on the cheek and a right on the left ear. This time he went to the floor and stayed there for the full count."

FEDERICO IN DRAW WITH PARET, MADE HIT IN GARDEN

Thompson's performance attracted world attention. In Jordan's seven years in the ring he never had been knocked out.

So it was enough of a feat for Federico to have sat back and said: *"I flattened the champ, I'm the tops, I can stay here in B.A. and fight anybody I want."* But Thompson's Argentine pride and fighting heart wouldn't hold still for that. He was determined to make a stab at winning the actual title, even if it meant leaving the city and nation which had brought him success.

Jorge Fernandez, aggressive welterweight whose recent victory over Denny Moyer has earned him a high place in the RING's world ratings.

Meanwhile Paret had become a top contender. And he was tentatively matched with Jordan. Thompson disputed that passing. As a result he was offered the chance to fight Paret for the title opportunity. He accepted. With the winner promised a bout with Jordan two months later at Las Vegas, he tackled Paret in a Garden 12-rounder at 147 pounds on March 25, 1960.

Federico was a revelation, swift-hitting, accurate. The younger man had his hands full. Like a pair of thoroughbreds in a stake race, they came to the wire stride-for-stride. The officials couldn't decide the winner, it was a draw.

Here was a pretty situation: an elimination which didn't eliminate anybody.

A compromise was worked out, Paret would get the May titler with Jordan, the winner would be required to give Thompson the next championship match. Benny went on to beat Jordan in 15 and agreed to fight Federico October 15 in New York.

However, Paret's tonsils became infected and the battle was postponed two months. Thompson could have screamed and sulked. Instead, he agreed to risk his standing against Indian Ortega on the open date. In a bitter scrap, he survived Ortega and stayed around to make his title try.

His setback by Paret dismayed but didn't discourage him.

"Let me keep fighting," he told the Garden, *"I'll make it again somehow."*

That's the mark of a true gladiator—and of the Argentine tradition.

FERNANDEZ ANOTHER PLEASING GLADIATOR

Equipped with the same attitude is his countryman, Jorge Fernandez.

Fernandez is a chunky, ready-smiling little fellow, 25 years old and a seasoned campaigner who also delayed his American debut until relatively late in his career.

He finally came to the States early last year with some compatriots, headed by Eduardo Lausse. This string of boxers was managed by Tino Porcio, with Charley Johnston furnishing American representation.

Jorge's first important bout here was with Emile Griffith, rising New York welter, at St. Nick's. He amazed observers with his spirited attacking and general disregard for Griffith, a heavy favorite. At the finish, he seemed a sure winner. Then came something more amazing: the officials gave the fight to Griffith. Irate fans demonstrated. Chairs were tossed as boos rent the air.

That night a restaurant owner and long-time fight follower, Jack Singer, had been among the disgruntled onlookers. And, when he met him personally soon thereafter, Jack became fond of the dynamic fighter. It was mutual regard.

Fernandez indicated, through friends, that, if Singer would buy his contract, he'd become New York-based. The deal was worked out by Frankie (Jay) Jacobs, veteran manager and Singer's associate. But a contract already had been made for a return with Griffith at the Garden.

To Jay, who knew the angles of the fight business, the encore represented only a chance for Griffith to improve on his hollow victory. Fernandez was better off sitting on his 'popular' defeat and meeting other foes.

Jacobs mulled it over . . . *"supposing,"* he supposed to himself, *"Fernandez were to twist his ankle in training, no fight, eh?"* Later he mentioned this casually to the fighter. Jorge couldn't, or wouldn't, understand the idea. *"How this happen?"* he said, *"I don't get hurt, I'm careful in training because I want very much to fight Griffith again."*

It was Argentine pride busting out all over.

Jay prudently forgot his maneuver.

The return was a slasher, 10 exciting rounds, with Fernandez in good form but with Griffith a shade better . . . and the winner by a narrow edge.

Crowd-wise Jorge had held his grip on the public but, in the matter of division advancement, he'd done Emile a favor. Griffith went on from there to championship contention.

With Fernandez' attitude, however, there was no question of quit. Singer

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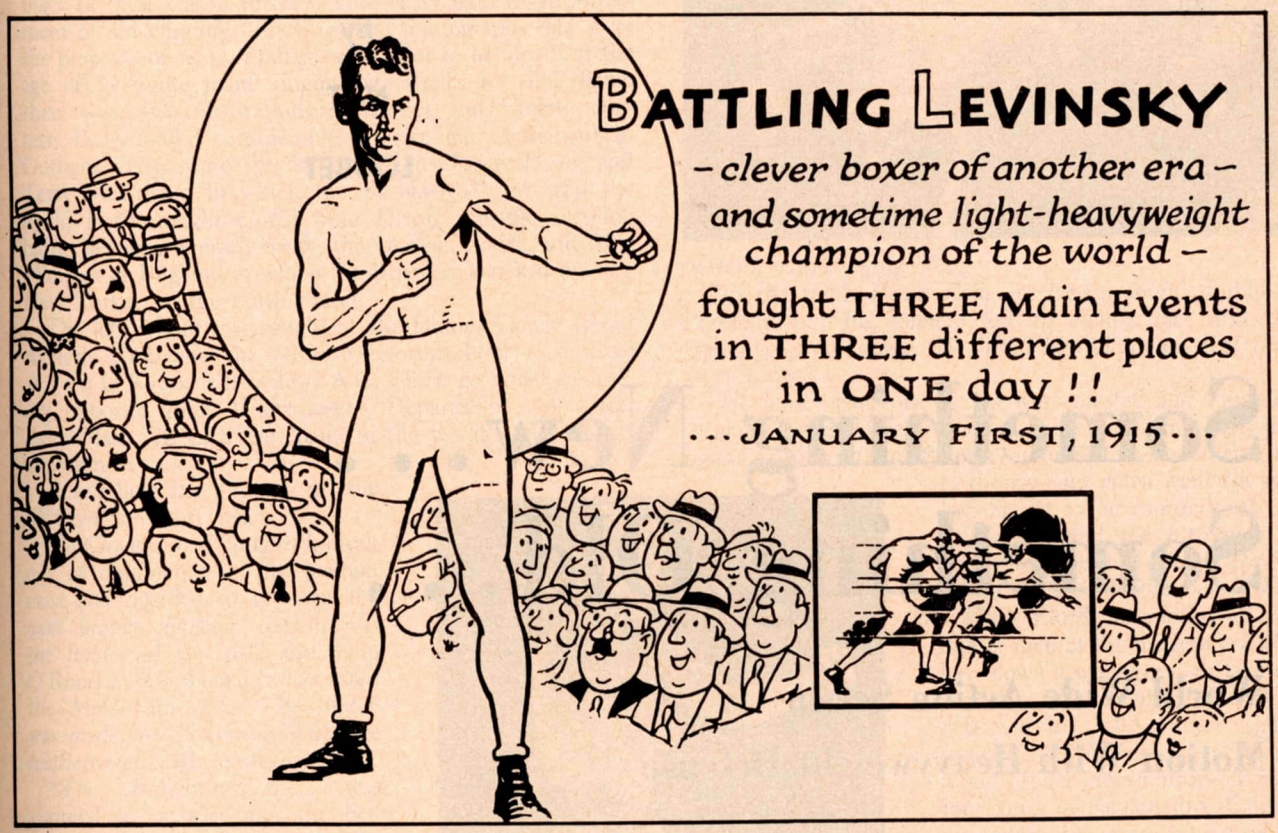
A Busy Day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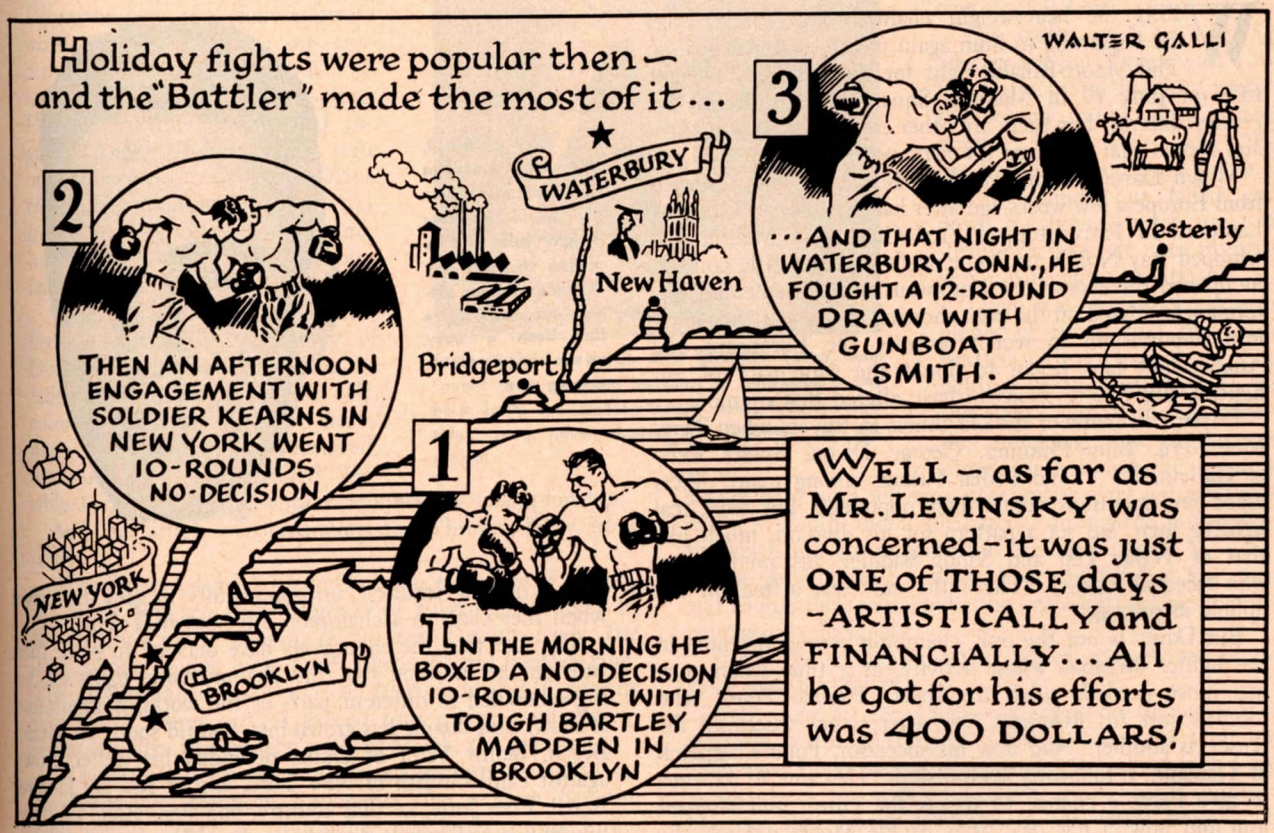
Holiday fights were popular then – and the "Battler" made the most of it...
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IN THE MORNING HE BOXED A NO-DECISION 10-ROUNDER WITH TOUGH BARTLEY MADDEN IN BROOKLYN
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...AND THAT NIGHT IN WATERBURY, CONN., HE FOUGHT A 12-ROUND DRAW WITH GUNBOAT SMITH.
WATERBURY
New Haven
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Westerly
NEW YORK
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WELL – as far as MR. LEVINSKY was concerned – it was just ONE of THOSE days – ARTISTICALLY and FINANCIALLY... All he got for his efforts was 400 DOLLARS!

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Something New... Something Old...

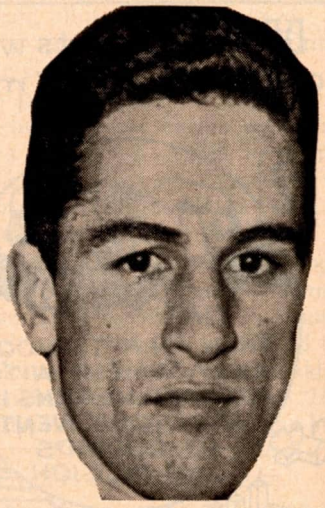
World Wide Action Set In Motion With Heavyweight Defense

WITH the heavyweight championship over, things are beginning to hum again in international boxing. The Moore-Rinaldi fight for the light heavyweight title on June 10 in Madison Square Garden, holds the greatest interest but there are other contests in this country and abroad that will keep the fistic pot boiling.

When Davey Moore, world featherweight king returned from Europe a few weeks ago after having defeated Gracieux Lamperti in Paris, stopped Fred Galiana in Madrid and whipped Ray Nobile in Rome, each in a non-title contest, he opened the eyes of the Europeans with his splendid performances. Based on the poor showing of most of the American importations in recent months, the Europeans and Asiatic fight fans began to doubt the supremacy of our fighters, but Moore seems to have altered that opinion.

Davey, like many of the old timers in the era when Terry McGovern, Billy Plimmer, George Dixon, Spider Kelly of Harlem, N. Y. and Pedlar Palmer among many others asked few questions about their opponents but were real fighting men, has set a pattern for his division, much like that of Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler, his predecessors who faced all comers. That's the only way a division can uphold its prestige.

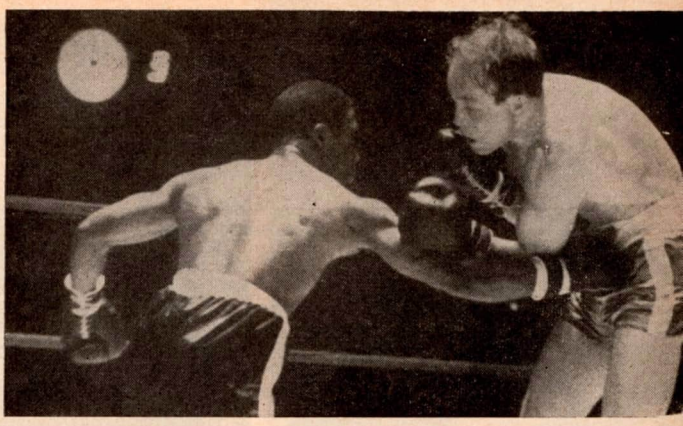
But Davey is not the only champion among the men in the lighter divisions whose activity, at a time when such was most needed, aided the sport. Pascual Perez, who recently lost his flyweight title after many successful defenses, is another. And now his successor, Pone Kingpetch of Thailand, is following his footsteps. He came to America to give Perez a chance to regain the crown and stopped him and now, a few days after Archie Moore defends the light heavyweight title of which he was shorn by the National Boxing Association, Kingpetch will give Mitsunori Seki, a ranking Japanese, an opportunity to gain the crown when they clash in a championship bout in Tokyo.



Eder Jofre of Brazil, NBA and American champion, who claims the world bantamweight title and is willing to meet any challengers who dispute his claim. Jofre has been a busy campaigner since turning pro.

The fact that the champions have decided to place their title on the line and that the championship fights are being scheduled in different parts of the world, is significant. It shows how boxing has grown into a world sport. In Miami Beach, Benny Paret of Cuba, defended his welter crown against Emil Griffith of New York, and in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Eder Jofre, of that country, and Pero Rollo of Italy, fought for the vacant bantamweight title.

The activity of the lower divisions brings to mind the many ring battles with an international flavor that took



Featherweight champion Davey Moore drives a long right to the body of French champion Gracieux Lamperti during their non-title match in Paris that saw Moore win after both men had visited the floor. Moore bars no one.

place in these classes in New York years ago. In an assortment of old clippings, drawings and photographs that were the property of A. D. Phillips, who prior to his death at the age of 89 wrote many interesting articles for The Ring, there were two illustrations of feather and bantam contests that aroused considerable interest and excitement in Gotham. They were the fight between George Dixon and Terry McGovern in which the Brooklyn Terror won the world featherweight crown from Dixon and the thrilling battle between Tommy Kelly, the Harlem Spider, and Billy Plimmer of England in which the Britisher knocked out the New Yorker, in the tenth round.

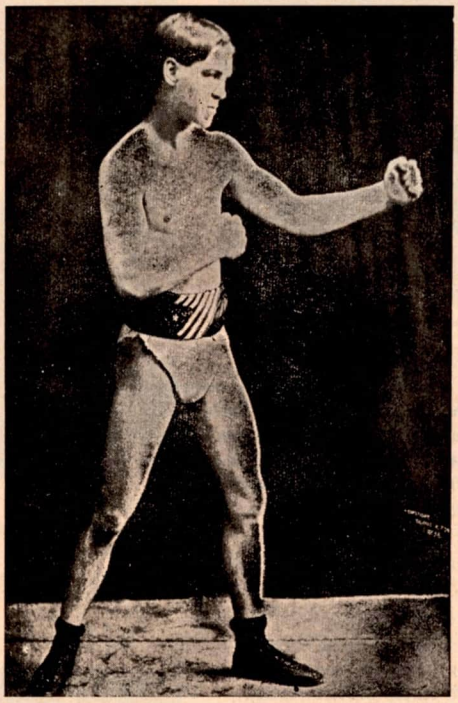
The latter bout was fought at the famous Coney Island Athletic Club and the Dixon-McGovern bout took place at Tom O'Rourke's Broadway A.C. which occupied a building opposite John Wanamaker's Department store near Astor Place. In each the cream of the world's talent made appearances.

Here's how the clipping on the McGovern victory reads:

"McGovern had fought himself out of opponents in the bantam class and decided to go into the next higher division. Dixon was the holder of the title and Tom O'Rourke, his manager accepted the McGovern defi. The match was made for 25 rounds with the featherweight title at stake.

"The Broadway A.C. was jammed to capacity and the betting was extremely large. The Dixon backers got their money's worth so far as courage was concerned, but McGovern's savage, relentless attack broke through clever Dixon's defense and reduced the gallant little title holder to a state of helplessness. To save Dixon from being counted out, O'Rourke tossed in the sponge as the referee was about to count Little Chocolate out.

"The big gathering was electrified by the brilliant showing of Dixon in the early rounds, but he faded as the bout progressed. His courage was tops, but the heavy body punishment he received, weakened him and enabled Terrible Terry to gain the world featherweight championship."



Terry McGovern, tough little Brooklyn belter, who fought them all from bantams to lightweights and held both the bantamweight and featherweight titles. Terry never ducked an opponent for any reason.

And the article accompanying the Plimmer-Kelly bout reads:

"The Coney Island Athletic Club was the scene of a thrilling battle between Billy Plimmer of England, claimant to the British Empire bantam crown and Tommy Kelly, the The Harlem Spider, New York's flyweight and bantam king. The articles called for a bout of 10 rounds at 110 pounds limit, with gloves not to exceed four ounces and not to weigh less than two ounces, with Al Smith, the referee.

"The Britisher gave a scintillating exhibition and so far outclassed his American opponent, that seldom has the club seen a boxer so thoroughly whipped as was Kelly. Plimmer had his man in a trance almost from the start. He gave a very clever performance. He kept meeting Kelly's leads with straight two-handed counters and landed repeatedly with stinging effect.

"In the tenth round Kelly received a sound drubbing. Plimmer sent his forcible left to Kelly's face and the Harlemite went down. He lifted himself to his feet then toppled over.

"He arose again just as ten was counted and Plimmer, thinking the fight over, rushed to shake hands, but Kelly put up his hands to strike. Plimmer immediately landed another to the jaw and down went the gallant Spider to be counted out.

"Kelly tasted the bitterness of defeat for the first time. He received $300 and Plimmer $700."

Flash Elorde is another of the lighter men of the modern era who has shown a willingness to take on anybody. He recently successfully defended his NBA Junior Lightweight title by winning a unanimous fifteen round decision over Joe Lopes of Sacramento, California before a jam-packed crowd of over 35,000 fans.

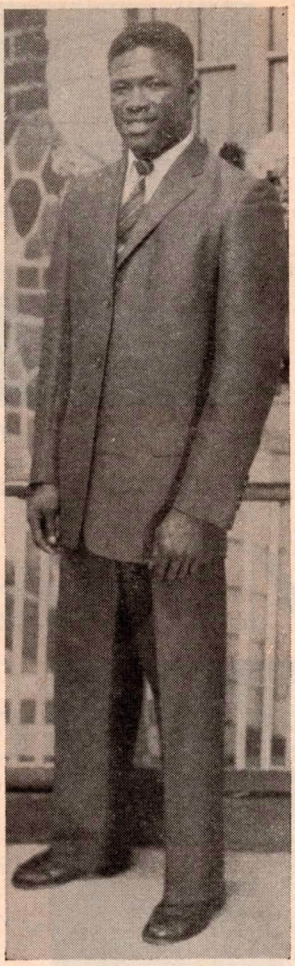
The crafty local southpaw got off fast and hurt Lopes with a two-fisted attack that had him rocky in the second round. Joe, a game, durable thirty year old veteran steadied down and came on in the middle rounds but faded going down the home stretch under the steady pressure of the twenty-six year old champion's attack.

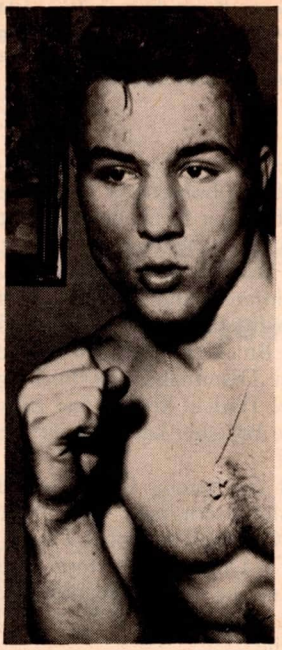
There was no knockdowns but plenty of action and the contest bristled with fast exchanges. Lopes fighting in close was able to keep the fight close with his edge in the in-fighting, but in the ninth round Flash found the range and a solid right hook left cross combination opened a cut inside of Joe's mouth and it bled freely during the remainder of the ninth and was re-opened in the tenth round.

The pace began to tell on Lopes in the last few rounds and Elorde took command as he outboxed and outfought his courageous challenger.

It was the second time that Elorde has retained his title since winning it last year.

Both men hit the 130 pound limit on the nose at the weigh-in, a normal weight for Elorde but quite a bit lower than what Lopes usually weighs, and this along with Flash's steady attack had much to do with the unusual number of clinches that Lopes fell into in the latter rounds. The Referee Felipe Hernandez tabbed it 76-67; Judge Gregorio Trinidad 71-66 and Judge Alfredo Quiazon 74-68 all for Elorde.





RING PROSPECTS BOAST IMPRESSIVE RECORD

MONTHLY PICK— GOOD LUCK

(Left) Sonny Liston, now the number one heavyweight contender. (Above) Emile Griffith, who is fighting for the welterweight title as we go to press. (Right) Canadian heavy champ George Chuvalo, who ranks high in the world ratings.

By LEW ESKIN

OVER the years our staff has kept track of the many lads picked as Ring Magazine "Monthly Prospects". The youngsters so designated who have gone on to reach a place among the world's outstanding pugilists averages well over fifty percent.

These lads are chosen while they are still in the preliminary class, fighting only four and six round bouts. There are a few cases, such as that of the present world heavyweight champion, Floyd Patterson, who advanced so quickly to the main bout class that he was never named as a Ring prospect. He had arrived before he could be listed.

Checking over the eighty seven men listed in the World Ratings in the current issue, we find a total of forty three had been listed as "prospects" during the period since 1953.

In this group we find the present world featherweight champion, Davey Moore, who was named in the November 1953 issue. Three ex-champions, heavyweight Ingemar Johnansson, tabbed in July 1953, welterweight Don Jordan, picked in the April 1954 issue and Alphonse Halimi, named in the March 1956 issue. Halimi is presently recognized by the European Boxing Union and the British Board of Boxing Control as the bantamweight weight king. Also, the ex-junior titleholder, Carlos Ortiz, picked as a prospect in the October, 1955 issue. Carlos will get a change to regain his Jr. welterweight title next month against Dulio Loi.

Four of the European champions were ring "prospects", Erich Schoppner of Germany, the light heavyweight king was picked in the August, 1957 issue; lightweight Dave Charnley, who also holds the British and Empire titles and who is set to fight Joe Brown for the world's title this month was named in the April 1955 issue. Bantamweight Freddie Gilroy, who also holds the British and Empire titles, and who was defeated by Halimi in the bout for the European version of the 118 pound title, was listed in the December, 1957 as a comer. While not rated at the present time Welshman Dick Richardson, who holds the heavyweight title was named in January 1956 as a Ring "prospect".

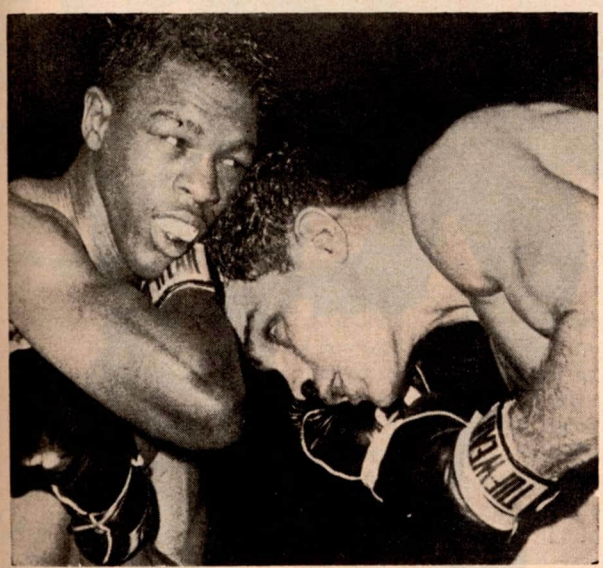
Aside from Charnley and Gilroy, other British Empire champions who were picked are light-heavyweight Chico Calderwood of Scotland, listed in January, 1959, Middleweight Dick Tiger of Nigeria, named in December, 1957, welterweight Brian Curvis of Wales, tabbed in the November, 1959 issue, and flyweight Dennis Adams of South

Africa, who is not rated at the present time. Dennis was picked in our April 1956 issue.

Other national champions who were Ring prospects are Cuban lightweight, featherweight and flyweight kings, Doug Vaillant, Sugar Ramos and Hiram Bacallao, Mexican heavyweight Alfredo Zuany (not rated) featherweight and flyweight kings, Juan Ramirez and Edmundo Esparza. Added to the list are Canadian heavyweight king George Chuvalo and the ex-champion Robert Cleroux. Also, non-rated light heavyweight Burke Emery, welterweight Gale Kerwin and lightweight Eddie Beattie.

Let's not forget British champion, middleweight Terry Downes, who recently fought Paul Pender for the world title; featherweight king Terry Spinks and flyweight crown wearer Johnny Caldwell. Venezuelan lightweight and flyweight kings Carlos Hernandez and Ramon Arias, and Panama bantamweight champion Hector Hicks.

Quite an imposing list of world, international and national titleholders all of whom have been Ring Magazine "Prospects of the Month," at one time or another.



Len Matthews (left). and Carlos Ortiz mix it during their bout that saw Ortiz score an impressive kayo triumph. Both are ex Ring prospects. Carlos will get a chance to regain his Junior welterweight title this month, while Len is high on the list of challengers for Joe Brown's title.

Alphonse Halimi, former holder of the bantamweight title, who is once again laying claim to the title following his triumph over Freddie Gilroy. All of Europe supports the Frenchman claim to the crown left vacant by Joe Becerra's retirement.

Breaking the heavyweight division down, we find that all except Patterson and British Empire champion Henry Cooper who is listed number five were tabbed as "Ring prospects". The rest from Sonny Liston, named in the September 1954 issue, down the line, Ingemar Johansson, Eddie Machen, Zora Folley, Alex Miteff, Mike DeJohn, George Chuvalo, Robert Cleroux and Tom McNeeley, all had received such special distinction.

Among the light heavyweight, eleven, Moore, Johnson and Olson are old timers, and both Bobo and Harold were selected back in the mid 1940's. Of the remaining eight, five were picked Calderwood, Schoppner, Doug Jones, Jesse Bowdry and Willie Pastrano. Willie in fact was tabbed when still a welter back in June, 1953.

In the middleweight class three of the eleven were Ring choices and while this is a poor showing, remember that Ray Robinson, Joey Giardello, Joey Giambra, Gustav Scholz, Paul Pender and Gene Fullmer were veterans. The trio chosen by the Ring in this division were Dick Tiger, Denny Moyer and Terry Downes.

Dropping down to the welterweight division only four were Ring picks, but like the 160 pound class the 147 pound listing has a number of veterans. The quartet of Gomeo Brennan, Don Jordan, Brian Curvis and Emile Griffith had been tabbed. Emile, who gets a chance at the title on April 1, (after press time for this issue) against Benny Paret could well become the fifth champion out of this post 1953 group.

Among the lightweights only Joe Brown, Giordano Campari and Flash Elorde were not tabbed by the Ring. All the rest were chosen at one time or another, Dave Charnley, Carlos Ortiz, Len Matthews, Carlos Hernandez, Doug Vaillant, Kenny Lane, Eddie Perkins and Solomon Boysaw.

The featherweight class which is dominated by boxers from outside the United States has six of the rated eleven having been named as "prospects", including the newest find Welshman Howard Winstone, who was chosen in the December, 1959 issue. The others, who were named are Danny Valdez, Terry Spinks, Fleix Cervantes, Sugar Ramos and champion Davey Moore.

Aside from Alphonse Halimi, three other bantamweights, now rated, picked as comers before gaining recognition elsewhere are Hector Hicks, Freddie Gilroy and Eloy Sanchez. Sanchez is the one who ended the career of Joe Becerra when he knocked out the then champion in a non-title fight. Eloy was also the man who faced Eder Jofre in the battle for the vacant NBA title.

The flyweight class lacks numbers, only three, but what three. Hiram Bacallao, Johnny Caldwell and Ramon Arias, who recently upset number one contender Mimun Ben Ali and who lost a close 15 round decision in a title bout against Pascual Perez a few years ago.

Of those tabbed by The Ring as "prospects", who have perhaps not gained rating recognition but who have reached a position in their chosen trade that would be considered as being "successful", The Ring shows an amazing percentage of eighty per cent of those picked attaining such success.

(Left) British Empire and European lightweight champion Dave Charnley, who will get a second chance at Joe Brown's lightweight title this month. (Right) Portland, Oregon middleweight Denny Moyer, who has recently grown out of the welterweight division. Denny holds a win over Benny Paret in a non-title match.

Nebraskan now has fans in a dither with his new dazzling approach to the mat sport.

Bearcat Wright

STORY AND PHOTOS
By EARLE F. YETTER

DESCENDING upon Eastern audiences like an avalanche is the adventurous, fun-loving, rollicking Nebraskan, 6 feet, 7 inch, Bearcat Wright of Omaha, who is now displaying a bewildering approach to the mat sport which has pushed him right up the ladder to national acclaim.

Big Ed is another example of an athlete who had a promising career as a boxer. His story reads "Like Father, Like Son" as his dad had gained notoriety as a boxer and had the distinction of having fought and opposed five former world champions. Bearcat Wright, Sr. had built up a reputation after he had clashed with Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Primo Carnera, Max Baer and Mickey Walker and it seemed it was only natural that Bearcat Junior would follow in his father's footsteps as a boxer.

Junior participated in 27 matches, and scored 24 knockouts. His dad after retiring from the ring, became proprietor of a popular wayside restaurant in Omaha and Junior spent much of his spare time helping out with the various chores in the restaurant.

While serving in this capacity, Junior was soon to make a decision which

would change his whole life. From time to time, a group of wrestlers used to stop at his dad's restaurant. They pulled up in Cadillacs and then came in and ordered big, thick, juicy steaks and all the trimmings.

"Man alive, that's the kind of life I wants," said Big Ed Wright. *"Yes, sah, I loves to eat like those boys do . . . that's for me, sure 'nuff."* And it didn't take a month of Sundays for young Bearcat to make this decision either.

Bearcat placed himself under the guidance of Tony Stecher, who taught Bearcat how to get into proper condition for a career on the mat. Junior gave no concern about his future boxing career. He was sold on the idea of becoming a wrestler. After months of faithful training, he secured his first professional bout in Fort William, Ontario and that was the beginning of his mat career.

To the credit of young Bearcat, it must be admitted here that the lad possessed every essential needed to become a mat hero. He proved to be amazingly agile for a man of his huge size. He had a reach would could entwine his opponents and many of them believed they were being squeezed by a python. His lethal weapon is a potent dropkick that has knocked many favorites to their doom. Sometimes Bearcat puts a twist into the kick and uses it as a sort of cork-screw with disastrous results upon his opponents.

So, we see Bearcat Wright today enjoying a popularity that has made him a favorite in every city he has appeared.

Upon occasions he goes on junket trips which take him to Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia and other points because he likes to see some of the rest of the world.

In action, Bearcat becomes a complete enigma to his opponent simply because he does not know himself what he will do next. He has a perpetual smile and this makes him an immediate favorite with any audience. He has the infinite quality of introducing drama and humor in his matches and it has pushed him right up on top of all-time favorites.

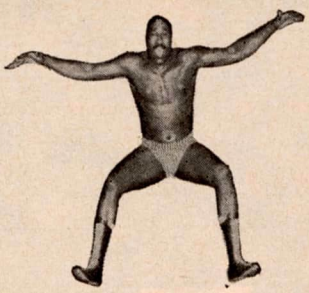
When the bell rings for his match, Bearcat walks out and circles his opponent with a big grin on his face. It seems that he is trying to learn just what approach his opponent will take as the match proceeds, but no matter what channel it is to be in, Bearcat will have all the answers for any approach. He can completely befuddle his adversary by getting out of holds with the dexterity of a Houdini.

With opponents who elect a belligerent approach, he can become an immediate menace. *"I hate those gorillas who want to kick, bite, scratch or try to strangle me, and when I get through with them, they are generally sorry they started the whole thing in the first place."*

Today, Bearcat is right in his prime. He says, *"Wrestling has been good to me. It has been the means of me being able to do some of the things I used to dream of. I love the cheers of the crowd, and the satisfaction I get from winning a hard match makes you believe that you are a somebody.*

"I have never regretted my decision to leave boxing to go into wrestling. I often wonder how I would have turned out as a boxer, but I can truthfully say that wrestling can give me almost anything I might crave in this old world and that's enough for me," concluded Bearcat.

Five years ago, Bearcat came to Buffalo, N. Y. for a number of matches, and ran up a consecutive win streak of 18 matches. His matches against the Togos and Cowboy Don Lee were ring classics. Now, he is back campaigning in the East and under the astute banner of Promoter Pedro Martinez is laying the foundation of a popularity that will ring far and wide in both New York and Ohio states. At this writing, Bearcat has five victories under his belt.



Last summer in Chicago, Bearcat drew 30,000 people who paid over $90,000 to see him in battle against the redoubtable Buddy Rogers at Comiskey Baseball park. Bearcat also broke attendance records at Griffith Stadium in Washington, and before he is through in New York and Ohio, he may establish other attendance records.

Bearcat's steady rise in popularity is apparently the result of his change of tactics. Behind his current surge of popularity can be seen the magical hand of one Jack Pfefer, who has guided many wrestling greats to popularity in the past. Pfefer has brought out all of the natural ability of Bearcat to such an extent that he is a Ricki Starr and Killer Kowalski all rolled up into one bundle.

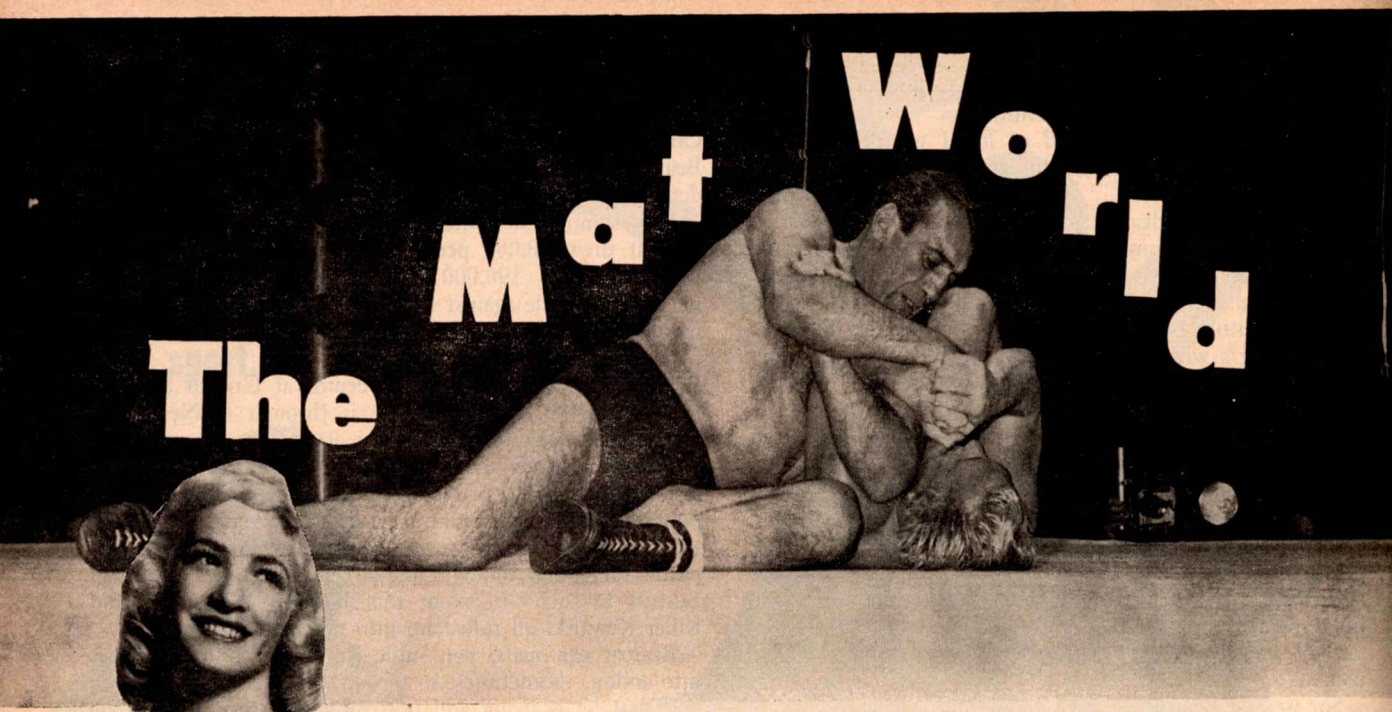
Bearcat can make you smile from the minute he goes into action. Sometimes, it appears that he appreciates the fact that he is living and is so proud of the fact that he cannot help but amuse the fans with his antics. He keeps opponents at bay with his elongated arms, perhaps the most wide-spread in wrestling. If his opponent charges him, he is met with a resounding smack of the open hand. Of course, this made his opponent mad and then he starts the fire-works, but so does Bearcat.

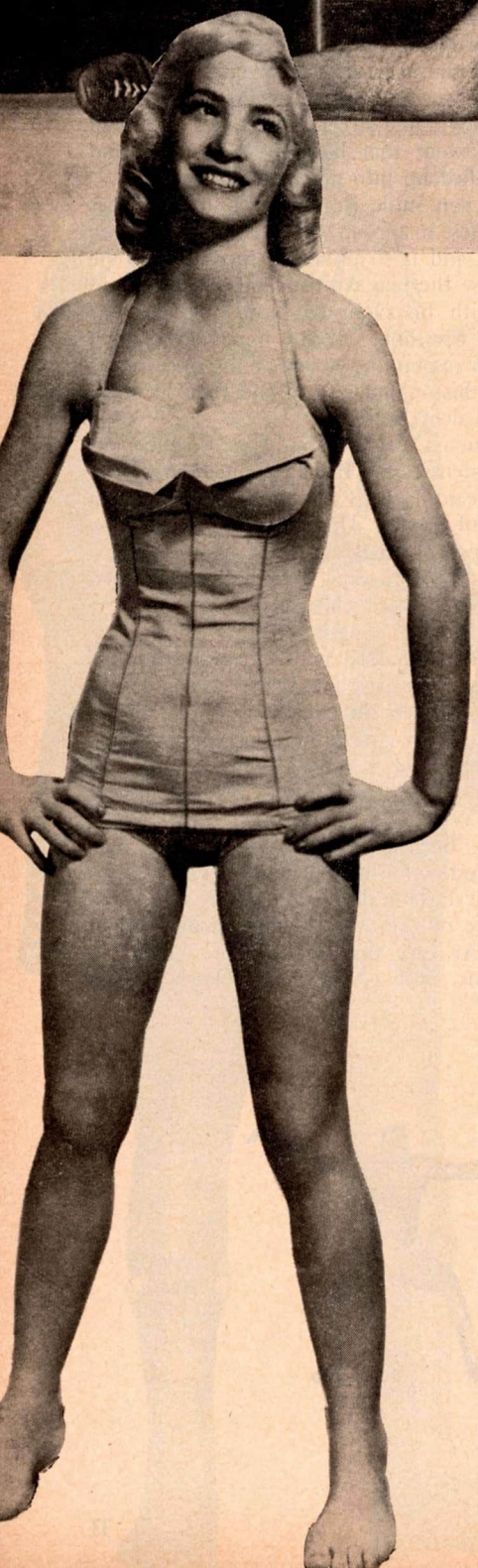
If Bearcat gets cornered, you will find him wiggling out of the hold with apparent ease. If his opponent insists on unorthodox tactics, Bearcat brings the bout to a conclusion with the suddenness of mercy. He spreads his wiry frame into one of the most potent dropkicks in the business today. Sometimes he uses it as a cork-screw and that's all brother, the bout is over. Any wrestler who can do that today in this hectic world, is worth his weight is gold.

Wright, today, is being heralded as the greatest attraction to appear in the East in the past five years. He is one of the forerunners of a new era in wrestling, an era which means the controversial, the glamorous, the down-trodden will all be paraded before the fans in a never ceasing potpouri of science, mayhem and confusion. And it has all come about Bearcat Wright *"Likes to Eat."*

Now in his prime, Bearcat should come into his own as an outstanding wrestler during the current year. Bearcat will go on to achieve some dazzling victories as he continues his exciting life of wrestling, joking, having a good time and "eating." At least, that is one desire which has been fulfilled by this smiling wrestling colossus. Can anyone ask for more?

The Mat World





Primo Carnera, above, in command of the situation when this photo was taken was defeated for the first time as either a boxer or wrestler in Madison Square Garden when "Nature Boy" Rogers defeated him with his figure four leg grapevine. Left, the Amazing Judy Grable, often referred to as the female Antonio Rocca. She is colorful, she is speedy, she knows her holds, and she's beautiful.

By NAT LOUBET

THE FAN CLUB CORNER

ONCE again we have received a missive from the charming Miss Barbara Miller, who with Miss Marlene Benner, guides the destiny of the International Tito Carreon Fan Club. Their address is 27 Oneida Ave., Rockaway, New Jersey. . . . Thanks to Barbara for making me an honorary member. . . . Word is also in on a chapter of FC for Carreon, presided over by Mary Ellen Richardson, 220 Warren Street., Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Paul Beam enlightens us re his heading up the Indiana chapter of the Torbellino Blanco FC. Address Beam at RR # 3, Box 22, Sheridan, Indiana. Feel like joining the Percival E Pringle FC? If so, write to Dennis Allen at 1905 Shamrock Lane, Flint, Michigan.

That master of the Figure Four Grapevine leg hold "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers, has a top FC run by Roberta Sutherland, 2265 Davidson Ave., Bronx 53, New York.

One of the most active clubs around is the Al Getson referee FC and Buddy Rosen FC, both guided from Philadelphia. . . . Fred Garvath informs this corner that he has a Fan Club for Ilio DiPaolo and those interested may contact him at 1260 Kingston Rd., Scarsborough, Ontario, Canada.

Miss Janet Ewenck forwards a note to the effect that she has turned over her FC for Dick Afflis to Miss Rose Anne Phelps of 135 East Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland. . . . A veteran at Fan Clubs comes up with another hot one by heading up an International FC for the Bavarian boys (Harry Wenzl and Rudi Saterski). Violet, who has clubs for Ricki Starr and Carlo Milano in addition to her new FC, can be contacted at 55 Homestead Place., New Rochelle, New York. . . . Mrs. Juanita Pingenot of 926 Del Monte St., Colorado Springs, Colorado has set the wheels in motion and is now organizing an FC for that Mexican Thunderbolt, Ricardo Cortez.

SHAG "KING TOBY" THOMAS

Shag Thomas is an unforgettable character in the world of professional wrestling. Possessed of powerful muscles and an equally powerful and brilliant mind, the ex-Ohio State football star continually flashes one of those contagious smiles that dazzles.

Born in Bellaire, Ohio, Thomas first gained athletic recognition as a

sparkling high school football star, and as a boxer and track & field man.

Prior to entering Ohio State, Shag served two years with Uncle Sam, taking part in the Saipan invasion. Before turning to pro-wrestling, Shag played three years of pro-football, with the Green Bay Packers, Toronto Balmy Beaches and Erie Vets. Stocky in appearance, Shag is agile. A fierce competitor, he might be compared to a battleship that has the speed and maneuverability of a P.T. Boat.

To you fans who may be interested, Shag Thomas has a fan club for all his faithful followers. It has as its president, Mike Glover III, of 1532 E. 97th, Seattle 15, Washington.

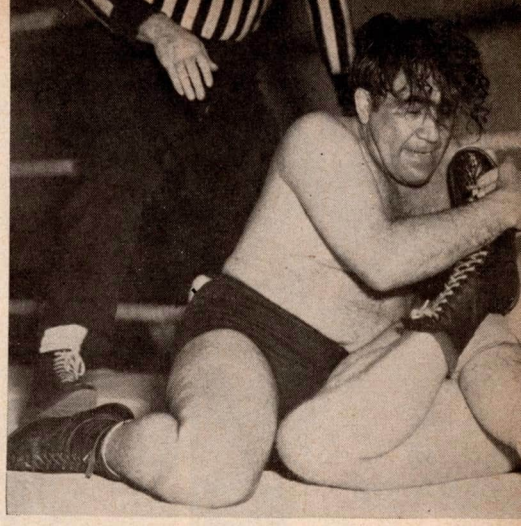
JUDY GRABLE

Judy Grable, one of the most talked about Girl Wrestlers in the Country today, hails from Miami, Florida, and is often called the "Sunkist Girl" because of her beauty. Judy stands 5 feet 6 inches, tips the scales at 136 pounds, has beautiful blonde hair, blue eyes, and a fair complexion.

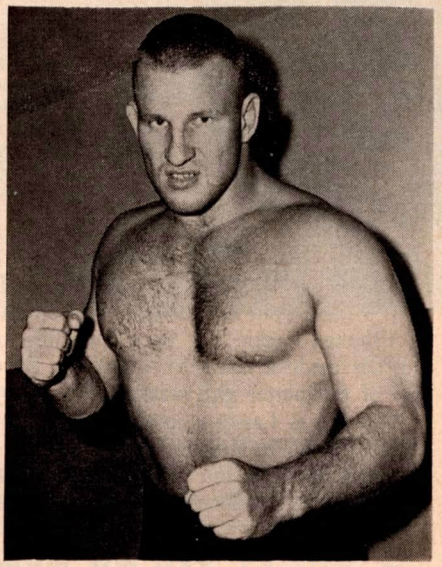
Miss Grable is known by wrestling fans as the "Barefoot Contessa" due to her wrestling without shoes. Judy uses her legs to great advantage with such holds as Flying Head Scissors, many fancy combinations of cartwheels and drop kicks, and finishes off her opponents with a hold which she discovered and named the Kangaroo Flip. An acrobat she uses many outstanding aerial attacks that add to her colorful style in the ring.

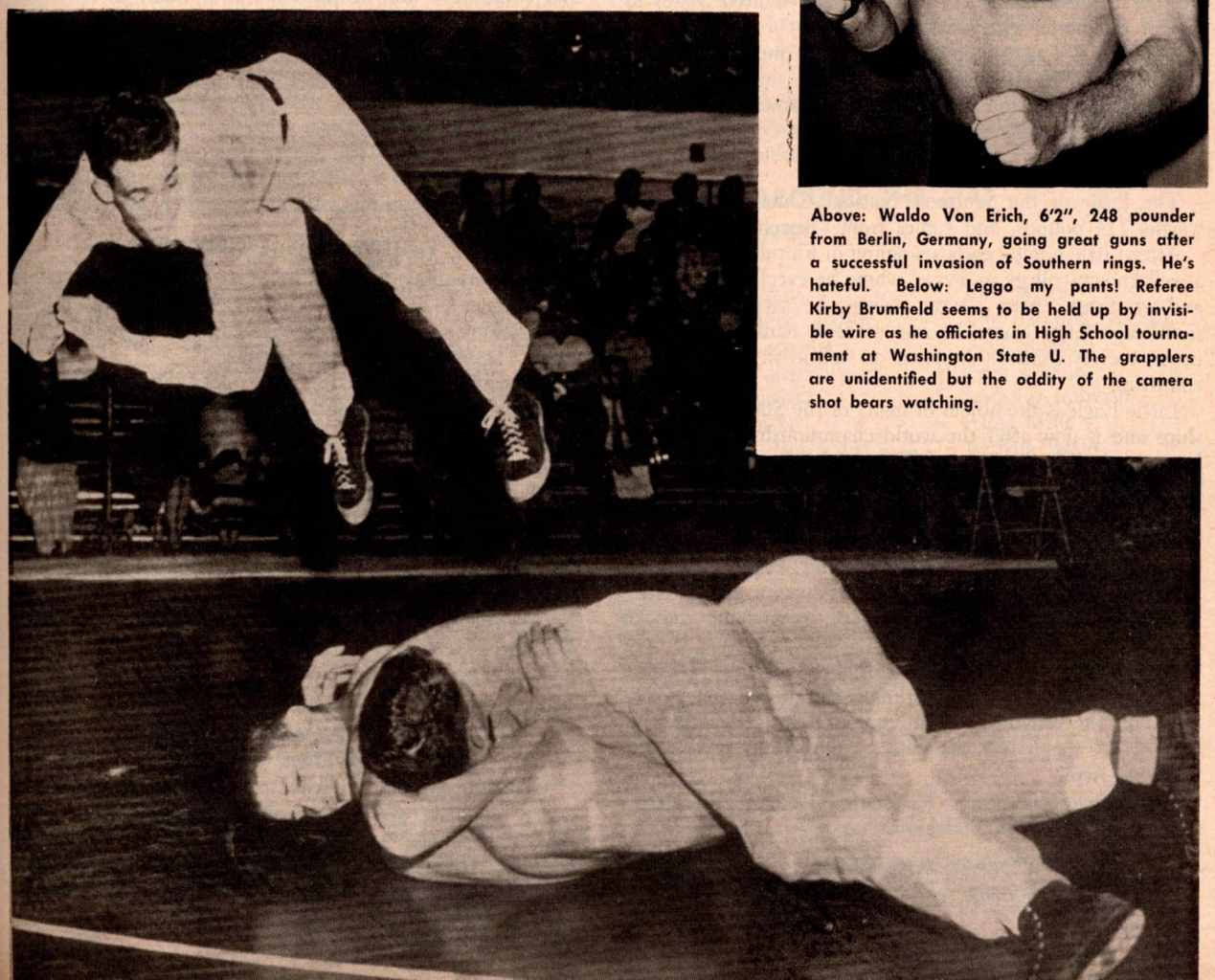
Judy was a natural athlete in school and received top awards for swimming and basketball. At the age of 14, Judy started training hard to become a wrestler.

Miss Grable attended many fairs and carnivals and made it her business to visit every circus possible for the express purpose of watching and talking to the aerial performers. This led to an offer which Miss Grable accepted. She took part in the aerial act and in a short time was a featured attraction. Since her 18th birthday when Judy made her debut as a wrestler, this personality gal has had a superb record. Miss Grable is rated as one of the top Girl Wrestlers in the country.

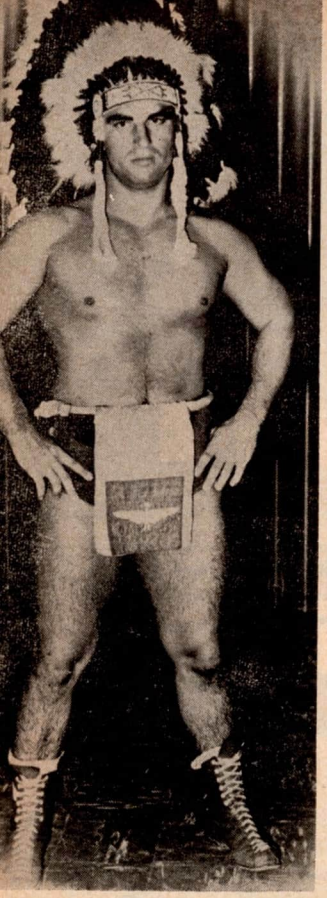


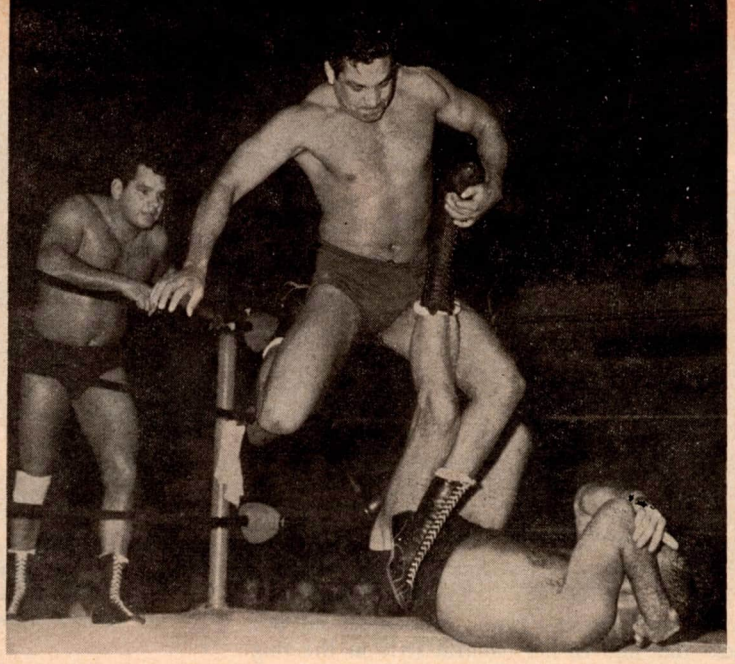
Bob Utter, Ring correspondent, caught this unusual shot of Bull Montana of Braintree, Mass., using one of his specialties, a combination toe and leg hold. It hurts!





Above: Waldo Von Erich, 6'2", 248 pounder from Berlin, Germany, going great guns after a successful invasion of Southern rings. He's hateful. Below: Leggo my pants! Referee Kirby Brumfield seems to be held up by invisible wire as he officiates in High School tournament at Washington State U. The grapplers are unidentified but the oddity of the camera shot bears watching.





Left: Chief Little Eagle is a 225 pounder from Stillwater, Oklahoma. Above: the Torres brothers in action. Alberto applies pressure to leg of Canada's Ben Sharpe as brother Ramon Torres stands by ready to relieve his 24 year old younger brother. The battle, a tag team match between the Sharpes and Torreses which took place at San Jose, California, ended with the Torres Brothers winning two out of three falls. Right: Mary Jane Mull, a veteran among the gal wrestlers, who is one of the top women performers. She is one of the toughest and has more natural ability than the majority of the girls in the ring wars today.

"MISS JACKIE WILSON"

Miss Jackie Wilson hails from Dallas, Texas. She stands 5 ft. 3 inches tall and weighs 130 pounds.

Although Jackie has been wrestling only a few years, she has made a name for herself in the United States as one of the better girl wrestlers.

This Texas Lassie is small but carries one of the most colorful styles in the ring today.

Flying through the air or clamping down on an arm lock, she handles herself as an old timer.

"CHIEF LITTLE EAGLE"

The Pride of the Seminole Nation, Chief Little Eagle, weighs 224 pounds, and comes from Okeechebee, Florida.

After Little Eagle's early schooling in Florida, he attended a well known college in Texas, where he excelled in football and wrestling. After leaving college, he turned to professional wrestling, where he has made a name for himself in most every State in America, as well as in many foreign countries.

Little Eagle is the holder of many of the State Championships and is now after the world championship. His fame has spread with the help of TV and he is one of the top box office attractions.

Chief Little Eagle's pet hobby is collecting fire arms, and his collection is worth hundreds of dollars. Also a great believer of body conditioning and weight-lifting, he holds the title of "Mr. Texas."

Eagle's fan club is one the largest for any one wrestler today. He is 25 years old.

Chief Little Eagle is a great follower of fair play and sticks to clean scientific wrestling. But he is well experienced in the rough style and can hold his own with the best of the tough boy wrestlers. His winning hold is the "Bow & Arrow."

Little Eagle now makes his home on one of the largest ranches in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

"MARY JANE MULL"

This classy young lady has been wrestling about a decade, and is one of the most colorful girls in the ring today.

Standing 5 ft. 6 inches tall, and weighing 140 pounds, from Toledo, Ohio, this Blonde Bomber is now a leading contender for the Women's championship of Virginia, and could very well be the champion when the Women's tournament ends.

Miss Mull has held many of the State Titles around the country, and at one time was The Women's tag team champion of the World with June Byers. Together they held the title for three years.

As hobbies Miss Mull likes to go swimming, horseback riding, and excells in all sports. During school she was one of the outstanding girls in Basketball and Baseball.

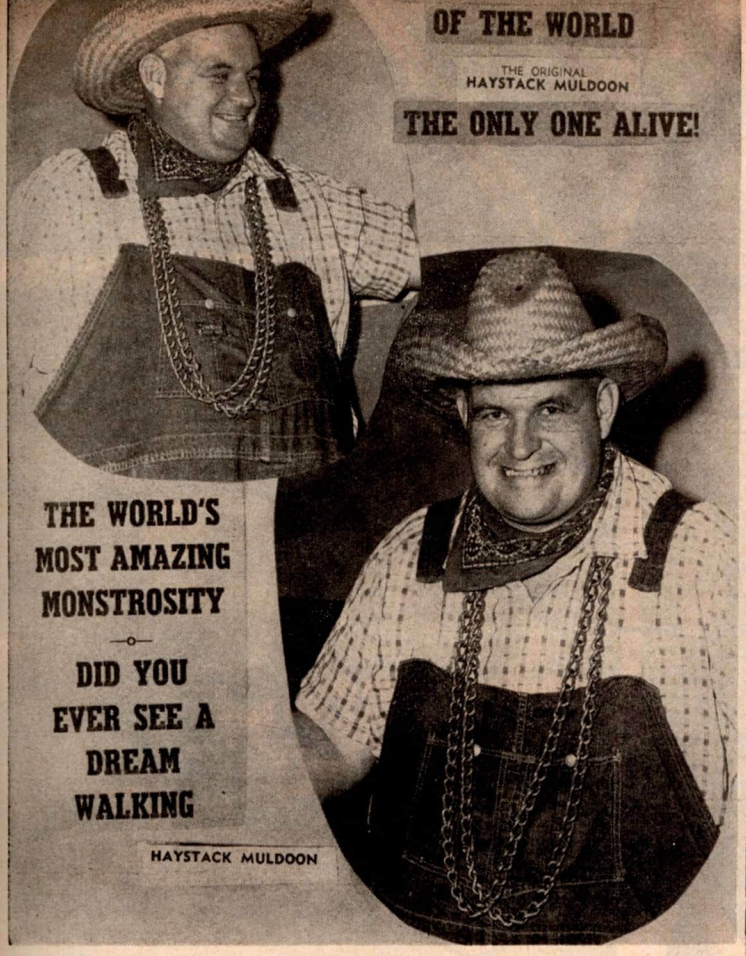
EASTERN COLLEGE WRESTLING

Team Standings—Lehigh 88, Pittsburgh 64, Penn State 54, Rutgers 44, Army 37, Navy 34, Columbia 13, Yale 12, Pennsylvania 11, Harvard 10, Syracuse 7, Cornell 6, Princeton 6, Temple 4, F & M 4, Brown 1.

123-pound—Dick Martin, Pitt., decisioned Jim Balquist, Columbia, 8-0. **130-pound**—Larry Lauchie, Pitt., decisioned Dick Janish, Rutgers, 2-0. **137-pound**—Dan Johnston, Penn State, decisioned Daryl Kelvington, Pitt., 1-0. **147-pound**—Ron Pifer, Penn State, decisioned Mike Natvig, Army, 3-0. **157-pound**—Kirk Pendleton, Lehigh, decisioned Jim Harrison, Pitt., 3-0. **167-pound**—Thad Turner, Lehigh, decisioned Bill McGrath, Rutgers, 16-0. **177-pound**—Jim Detrixhe, Lehigh, decisioned Al Rushatz, Army, 3-2. **191-pound**—John Griffith, Navy, decisioned Dave Angell, Lehigh, 2-1 (overtime after 1-1 tie). **Heavyweight**—Johnston Oberly, Penn State, decisioned Chuck Moore, 2-0.

WRESTLING USA
By Joel Zuller

Wrestling fans here is your chance to promote a match which you have all thought about for years. Any match that you believe would be the top main event in the country. It doesn't matter if the bout has been held before or not. The winner will have his match promoted if



An exclusive candid camera shot made by Ring Magazine photographer Charley Salas during a Madison Square Garden Show in New York City. These gals register everything from jubilation to sorrow with a few hysterics. One rooter is being consoled by fellow fans over something. Was she disappointed?

possible at the Baltimore Coliseum under Promoter Harry Smyth. If you would like to participate in this Promoter for a Day contest send three matches which you have selected and mail them to The Ring-Match contest care of Joel Zuller 1546 East 31st Street, Brooklyn 34, New York. In case of a tie the earliest postmark will win and the contest will be judged by the promoter and this reporter and a group of other judges.

Madison Square Garden promoter Walter Johnson was very happy after turning away 5,000 fans trying to enter the packed arena. The large crowd payed $62,562.07 from 20,400 including 800 standees paying $3.00 each. The tremendous mob saw Johnny Valentine and Argentina Apollo, who was replaced by Tony Rocca as the fans idol when the latter suddenly left for the west coast. They meet the U. S. and International tag team champs the Kangaroos. Valentine was in the ring for the first twenty five minutes before Apollo finally got his chance. But when he stepped into the ring fans saw an image of Rocca. The only difference was that this young boy of 21 did things that Rocca has never done before. The first fall ended when the new Argentina favorite pinned Roy Heffernan after 30:32. The winners of the first fall were doing just as well when the curfew bell rang. The pre-official decision was a draw. Here is an epitome of the prelims: Billy Darnell beat Turo Sakaro. Then the new "Mr. Muscles", Art "Sailor" Thomas beat Red Grupe in 2:00. N.W.A. champ Pat O'Connor held on to his belt by defeating tough Karl Von Hess after 12:47. A tag team affair between Mark Lewin & Don Curtis against Eddie Graham & Hans Schmidt followed. This event was an extra feature on this super show which saw Hans Schmidt disqualified in both falls. Bruno Sammartino the strongest grappler meeting the largest wrestler, Haystack Calhoun. Bruno put the fans in a frenzy when he gave the 601 pound Calhoun a body slam. The match was stopped when the latter couldn't make it back to the ring.

In the double feature match Buddy Rogers, the U. S. heavyweight champion, met one time boxing great Primo Carnera. "DaPreem" was too slow as he lost his first MSG boxing or wrestling match, after 9:00 to the Nature Boy.

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

WORLD RATINGS

MEN:	WOMEN
1: Pat O'Connor	1: June Byers
2: "Nature Boy" Rogers	2: The Fabulous Moolah
3: Edward Carpentier	3: Nell Stewart
4: Johnny Valentine	4: June Grable
5: Killer Kowalski	5: Lorraine Johnson
6: Gene Kiniski	6: Alma Mills
7. "Cowboy" Bob Ellis	7: Barbara Baker
8: Don Eagle	8: Penny Banner
9: Dick "The Bruiser" Afflis.	9: Rita Cortez
10: Bull Montana	10. Betsy Ross

TAG TEAM

1: Lou and Red Bastien
2: The Gallagher Brothers
3: The Kangaroos (Al Costello and Roy Heffernan)
4: Ben and Mike Sharpe
5: The Shire Brothers
6: The Torres Brothers
7: Tiny Mills and Stan Kowalski
8: John and Chris Tolos
9: The Miller Brothers
10: Hard Boiled Haggerty and Len Montana

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VER FORTY YEARS AGO THE IMMORTAL POLISH WRESTLER, STANISLAUS ZBYSZKO, AS FORCED BY THE RAMPAGING RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONISTIC BOLSHEVIKI TO WRESTLE HE MIGHTY ABERG IN PETROGRAD... *UNDER PENALTY OF BEING SHOT IF HE LOST!* URING THE MATCH, THE REFEREE POKED HIS FINGERS INTO ZBYSZKO'S EYES, STEPPED N HIS FINGERS AND KICKED HIM! *BUT, THE GREAT ZBYSZKO WON THE MATCH!*

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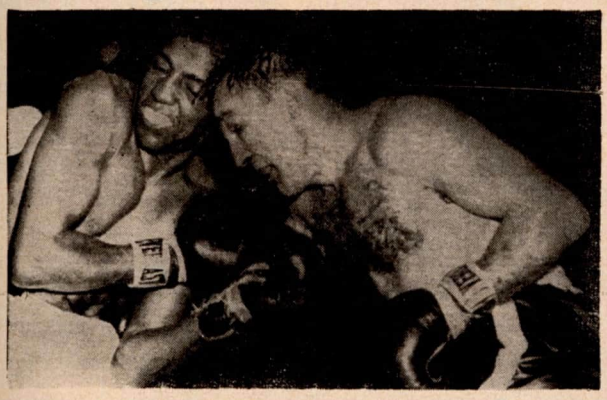
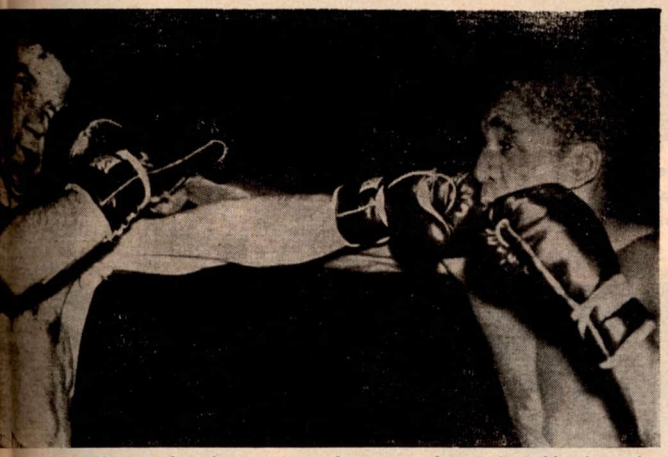
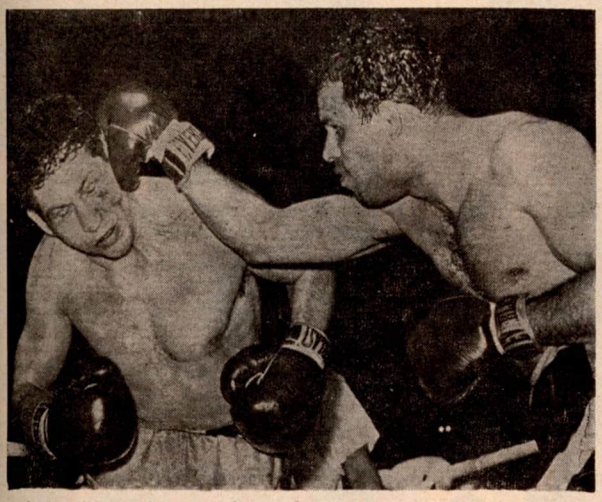


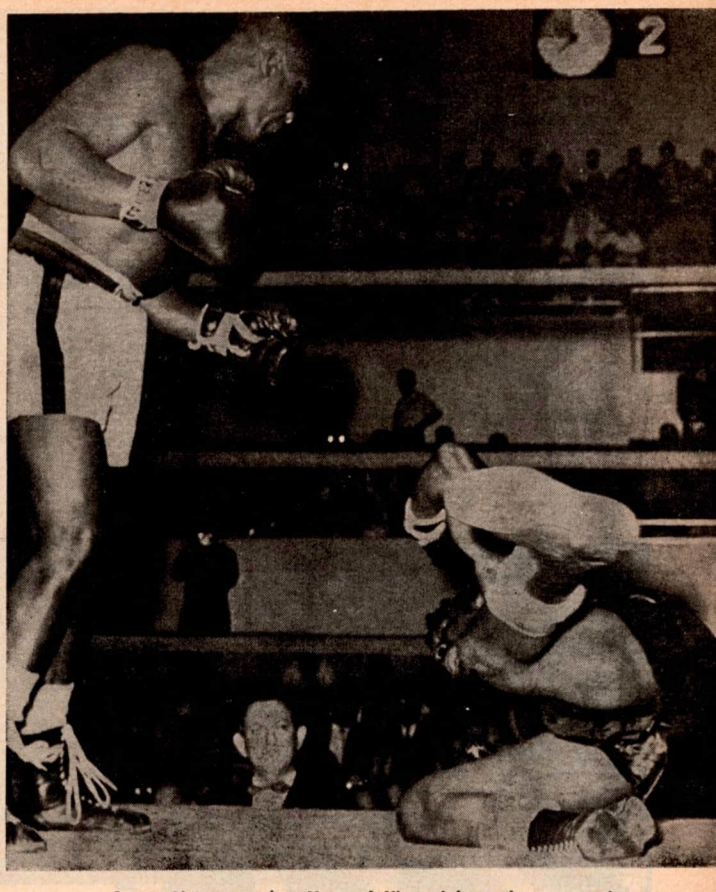
A pair of ex-welterweight kings clashed at Syracuse with Carmen Basilio (right) taking a unanimous decision over Don Jordan. Carmen's steady body attack and right uppercuts piled up the points as he notched his second comeback win in a row.



Cuban welter king Luis Rodriguez, right, and Oakland's Lyle Mackin trade straight punches during their fight in Oakland. The above action took place moments before the fight was stopped in the fifth round due to a bad cut over Lyle's left eye which gave Rodriguez the win.

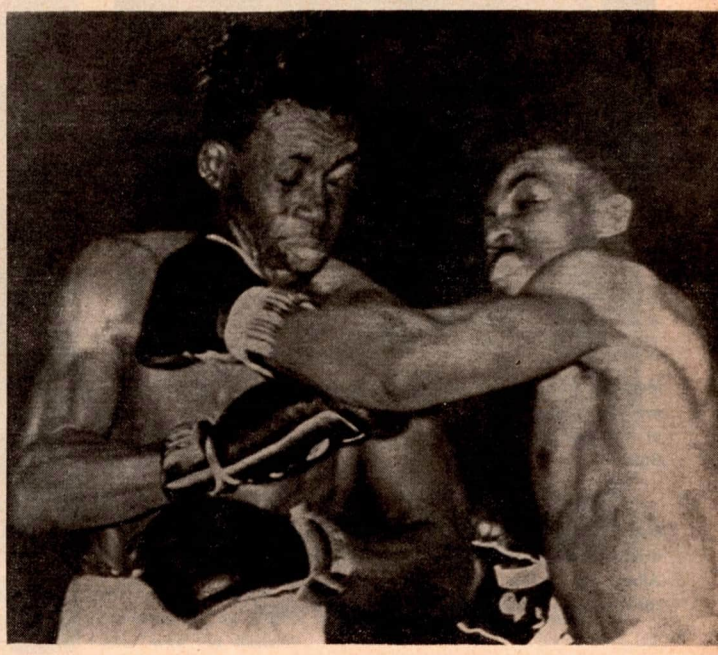


Flashy New Orlean's welter Ralph Dupas cuffs a right to the head of Joey Giardello during their bout in New Orleans that saw Ralph spot his man 11 pounds and still take down the verdict in this bout between veterans with more than 100 pro fights to their credit.



Sonny Liston watches Howard King sink to the canvas in the second round of their Miami Beach bout. King got up but took a bad beating and was halted in the following round. Liston making his first start of the year looked a bit too heavy, but his punches were sharp and his triumph impressive.

(below) Omaha's Joey Parks bounces a long left hook off the jaw of World lightweight king Joe Brown during the second round of their non-title ten in Houston. Parks did well in the early rounds but Brown closed strong to gain his second victory over Parks who had held him to a draw three years ago.



WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By JOHNNY ORT

THE Fourth U. S. Army Boxing Tournament was held at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The Fort Hood team, with seven fighters making it to the finals and five of them winning, won its fourth straight Fourth Army Boxing championship before a standing room crowd at Honeycutt Gym.

A crowd estimated at about 2,000 howled from the rafters, from the balcony and from the aisles where they stood during the 10 bout card that spelled action from beginning to finish.

In the 112-pound weight class, the best fight of the night was the first one, between Hood's John Slate and Joe Melendez of White Sands Missile Range. Slate, who was fighting in his first fight of the year, made it a super effort, staging a toe-to-toe brawl for nine-minutes with Melendez. Slade gained the decision and was selected the outstanding fighter of the tournament.

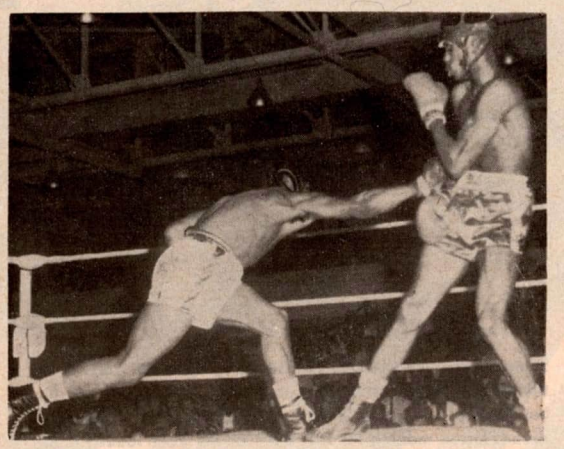
In the 119-pound class, Curtis Murray of Fort Sill, decisioned Fernendo Remirez of Fort Hood. Murray, the stronger fighter of the two, put Remirez down in the first and staggered him in the last round to earn a unanimous decision.

In the 125-pound class, Osker Lencse of Fort Sill, decisioned Leo Robinson of Fort Bliss. Lencse, a well-conditioned confident fighter, used a flashy attack to defeat the plodding Robinson.

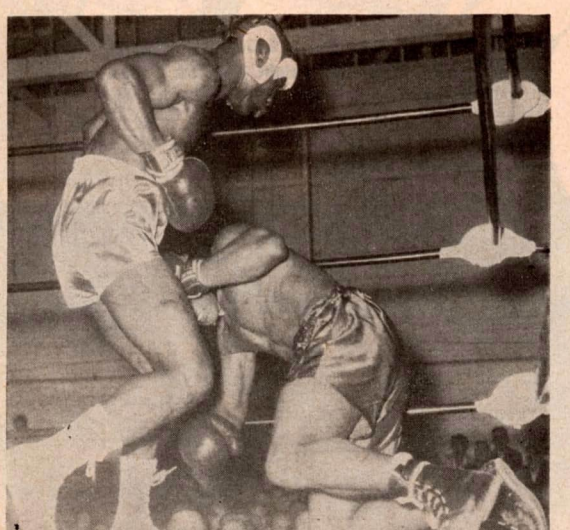
Vernell Listenbee of the 132 pound class of Fort Hood, decisioned Benjamin Parker of Fort Bliss. Listenbee, 1959 bantamweight and 1960 featherweight champ, added the lightweight title to his laurels with a good left jab and an effective sneak right.

Solman Miller of Fort Bliss, decisioned Warner Cradolph of Fort Hood, in the 139-pound class. Miller, the welterweight titlist in 1960, added the light-welter with a crisp-punching win over Cradolph.

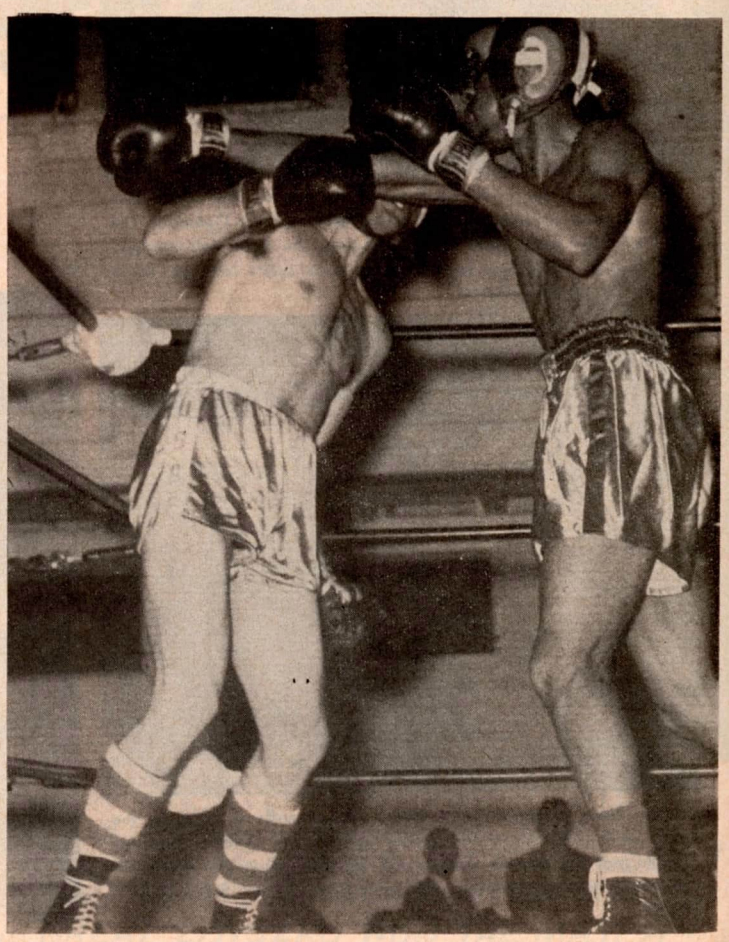
In the 147-pound class, Paul Pollard of Fort Hood, decisioned John Hedley of Brooke Army Medical Center.



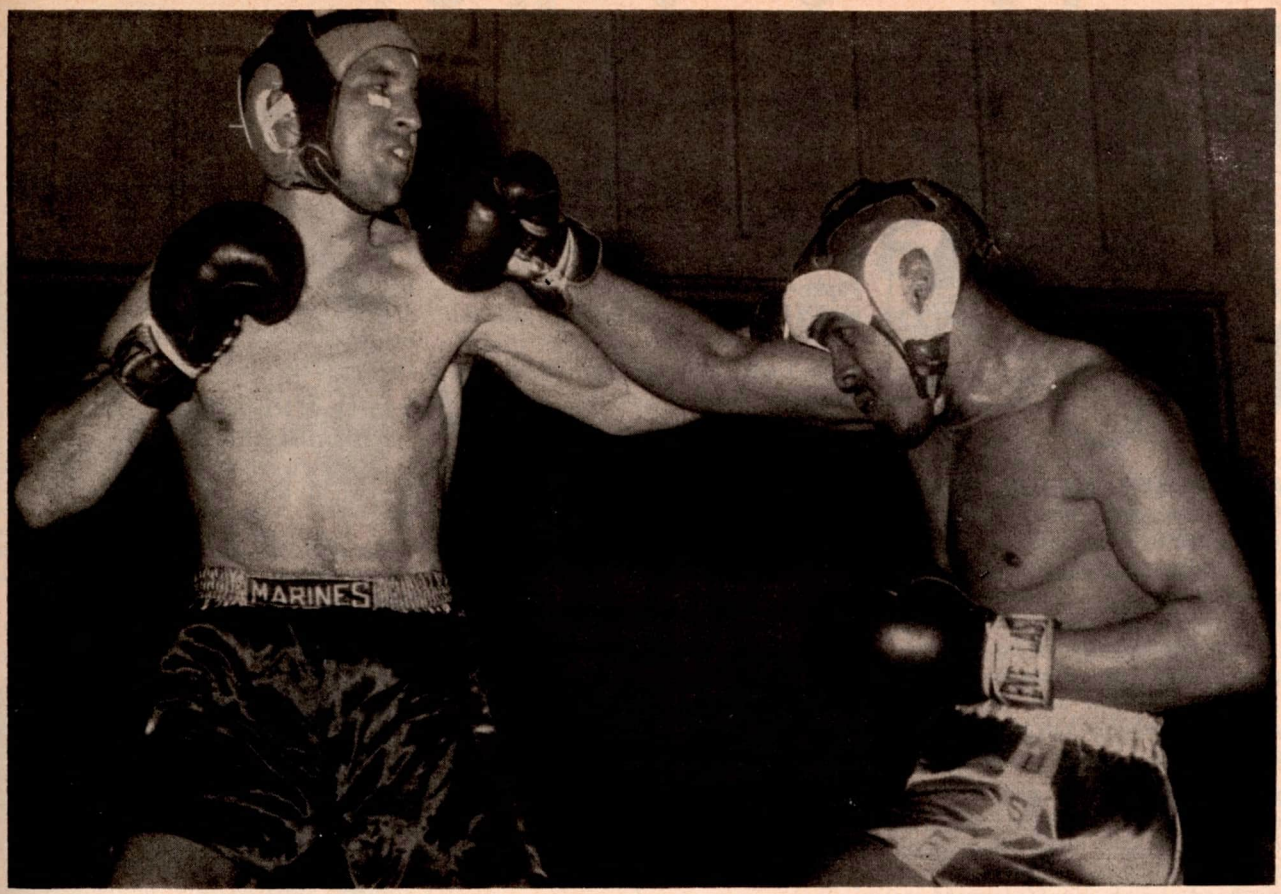
Willie Green, Fort Sill, right, and Arthur Merritt, Fort Hood, are shown in action during the 156-pound finals of the Fourth Army Boxing Tournament at Honeycutt Gym. Merritt won the bout.



Menelick Parker, left, B.A.M.C., and Joe Martin, Fort Hood, are shown battling it out during their 165-pound class finals of the Fourth U. S. Army Boxing Tournament. Martin won the fight.



Fred Lewis, Hamilton's most spectacular light-heavyweight, drives a series of lefts and rights to the body and head of Albert Lee of Fort Lewis. Fred moves away as Lee falls to the canvas. Lewis TKOed Lee in the second round.



Dean Harrison, left, Hamilton, A.F.B. light-middleweight, moves away smartly from a vicious right cross thrown by Roosevelt Sanders, of the Camp Pendleton's Marine Base, and went on to win a unanimous decision.

Pollard, like Miller, went to the body at the start, chasing a steadily retreating Hedley.

In the 156-pound class, Arthur Merritt of Fort Hood, decisioned Willie Green of Fort Sill. Merritt, who had defeated the defending light-middle champ the night before, had a tough time solving the southpaw style of Green. But when he did, he scored with mastery to the body and head alternately.

Joe Martin of Fort Hood, decisioned Menelick Parker of Brooke Medical Army Center, in the 165 pound division. One-punching Martin, counting mainly on a left hook, got Fort Hood its fifth title of the night.

In the 178-pound class, Paul Lenoir of Brook Medical Army Center, tko'd Bobby Williams of Fort Sill. Lenoir had too much class for Williams, and too much punch. Referee Bus Johnson stopped the fight in two minutes of the first round.

David Nepper of Fort Bliss, decisioned Esker Harris of Brooks Medical Army Center, in the heavyweight division. Napper, the defending champ, scored a sensational one-round 58 second knockout the night before. The question was whether Harris, a clever fighter, could stay away from the big right hand of Napper. He didn't Nepper belted him with the right but Harris showed he could take a punch. The fight went the distance with Napper copping the decision.

Final scores of the night were: Ford Hood 34, Fort Sill 20, Fort Bliss 19, Brooks Army Medical Center 16, White Sands Missile Range 5.

The results of the bouts of the night before are as follows:

Curtis Murray, Fort Sill, decisioned Harvey Wiley, BAMC, in a bantamweight bout; Benjamin Parker, Fort Bliss, tko'd Clarence Thomas, Fort Sill; Warner Cradolph, Fort Hood, tko'd Emerson McCollum, White Sands, in a lightweight bout; Soloman Miller, Fort Bliss, decisioned Clayton Johnson, Fort Sill, in another light-

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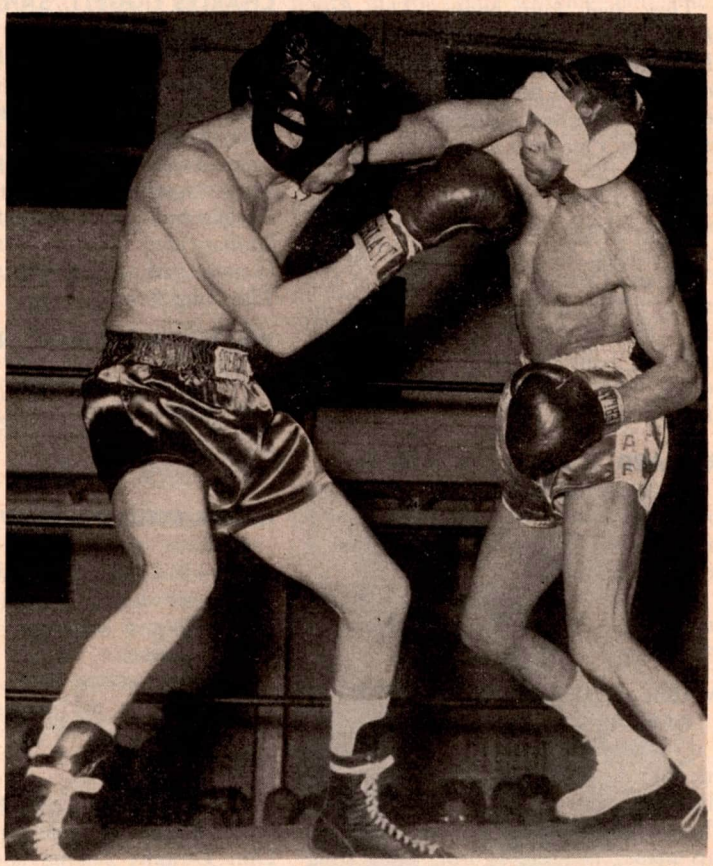


Heavyweight Clure Foster, Hamilton A.F.B. big puncher, right, misses with his right and is countered by Daniel Stepniewski, of Camp Pendleton's Marine Base. Foster won the decision.

MARIN HAZLETT, BOSTON, MASS.

Q—In the recent bout in Madison Square Garden between Rory Calhoun and Florintino Fernandez, was Rory counted out?

A—No—Referee Kessler counted up to eight when Rory got to his feet. He staggered toward the ropes and was in a helpless condition and the referee immediately called a halt and awarded the fight to the Cuban.

SOL GELB, RIVERTON, R. I.

Q—Which of the fights between Jack Delaney and Paul Berlenbach were championship matches?

A—There's where your Ring Record Book comes in handy. You should own a copy and you could then answer your own queries.

They had four bouts. The first, staged in the old Garden, resulted in the knockout of Paul in the fourth round. This was not a title bout. Their second, in the new Garden, was for the crown and Paul won it in 15 rounds.

Before that Paul won the title from Mike McTigue. Next came the famous bout at Ebbets Field, staged by Humbert Fugazy for the Italian Hospital Fund and Delaney won the title at the end of fifteen rounds. In 1927, in Chicago, they fought for the fourth time and that bout was halted in the sixth round with Delaney the winner. He then vacated the throne.

RICHARD JORDAN, MONTREAL

Q—I am an amateur. I am fond of boxing and want to learn more than I now know. Would you advise that I join the YMCA?

A—Yes—if the YMCA has boxing instruction, that is an ideal place for you to go.

MABEL HOFFMAN, WICHITA, KANSAS

Q—Was Ernie Schaaf a contender for the heavyweight crown when he died? I read an article which stated that Jack Sharkey and Johnny Buckley, his managers, were figuring on getting him a title bout.

A—Yes, he was very much in the running. Ernie was a good, top contender for world honors when he fought the fatal bout with Primo Carnera.

SAMUEL S. O'SHEA, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. S., CANADA

Q—Was Jimmy Clabby recognized as a world middleweight champion?

A—He and a half dozen or more star middleweights of his era laid claim to the crown after the defeat of Billy Papke by Cyclone Johnny Thompson in 1911. That was an era in which the world had a number of steller middleweights who, after the death of Ketchel, made an effort to gain world recognition.

Thompson beat Papke on points in Australia and while he made the weight, Papke didn't and Thompson claimed the title. The Australian scribes agreed that he had the right to claim it but Thompson quickly outgrew the division and the title was open for competition. It was then that the leading figures went after it.

Clabby, Frank Klaus, Eddie McGoorty, George Chip, Mike Gibbons, Les Darcy all were in the field. Chip had twice defeated Klaus and Clabby was as good as any one in the top six. He had a decision over Dixie Kid and then went to Australia where he beat all comers and was recognized by the Australians as the man with the best record. He had a pretty good claim, but so did the others.

CHARLES LIGGETT, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Q—I read recently that there were no preliminary bouts on the Corbett-Fitzsimmons card at Carson City, Nevada. Is that true?

A—Yes, it was the first important bout staged in our country after the Corbett-Sullivan fight that had no preliminary card. The Johnson-Jeffries bout likewise had no preliminary fights. See The Ring Book.

WALTER McTIERMAN, NORFOLK, VA.

Q—Did Bob Martin or Bob Roper win the A. E. F. heavyweight championship in France?

A—Martin was the winner.

HARRY STEUBEN, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Q—I am an amateur who intends to turn professional. Please tell me how much does a manager take from a fighter's purse?

A—Most states have a mandatory 33⅓% take for the manager but some permit a manager to sign for fifty percent.

EMILY HAGGERTY, TRENTON, N. J.

Q—Watching television, I heard Don Dunphy talking about a fighter and a boxer and I was confused by his statement. What does he mean when he states that one of the contestants is a fighter and the other a boxer?

A—A boxer is one who is scientific. He is clever. A fighter lacks ring cleverness.

ARTIE MACKLIN, BALTIMORE, MD.

A—In what division did Joe Tipman fight?

A—He was a featherweight and a lightweight who fought the top men and was a very excellent performer. At one stage of his career, he rated among the best. He fought Joe Gans.

ANDREW JOHNSON, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Q—From whom did Abe Attell win the world title and to whom did he lose it?

A—Abe won the title in bouts with George Dixon. He fought a 20 round draw with him on October 20, 1901 at Cripple Creek and gained a decision over him in St. Louis in 15 rounds on October 28, 1901. He lost the title to Johnny Kilbane at Vernon, Cal., Washington's birthday, 1912, in 20 rounds.

TOMMY VERNON, NEW YORK

Q—Will there be any boxing at the World's Fair in New York?

A—Colonel Eagan who has been appointed chief of the sports program for the N. Y. Fair expects to have Olympic tryouts and other amateur boxing bouts. He also hopes to have the Ring Magazine museum on exhibit and The Ring Editor as one of the sports lecturers throughout the Fair.

JIMMY ELLIOTT, TORONTO, CAN.

Q—Was Tommy Burns an American citizen when he won the world heavyweight title? How about Bob Fitzsimmons?

A—No. He was a Canadian. Fitzsimmons had taken out his first citizenship papers when he fought Corbett.

ABEL HOSHKINS, MIAMI, FLA.

Q—Was James J. Jeffries champion or challenger when he fought Jack Johnson? Was Marvin Hart recognized as a world champion?

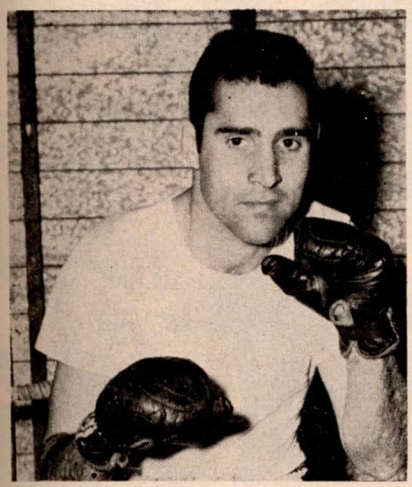
A—Jeffries was a challenger. He had retired and the title being vacant, Hart, Johnson, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Jack Root, and Burns were leading contenders. Burns defeated Hart and became the recognized champion and later, in Australia, he lost the title to Johnson. Hence when Jeffries made his comeback, he, like Joe Louis when he did the same after retiring, was a challenger and not the champion.

Hart was crowned by Jeffries after Marvin had won from Jack Root, a bout that Jeffries had refereed, but the public refused to recognize his claim. Burns then defeated Hart, drew and beat O'Brien and cleared the decks of all other claimants to win world acclaim.

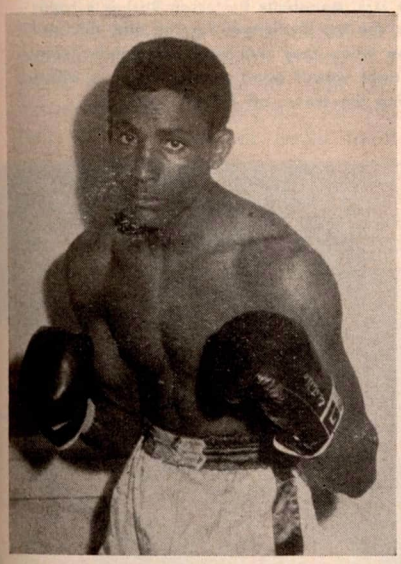
Likely Looking Lightweights

By LEW ESKIN

Carlos Quiles, Puerto Rican born youngster, who now makes his home in Brooklyn, N. Y. This "Baby-Faced" crowd pleaser has made rapid strides.



Undefeated Vic Graffio of Port Arthur, Texas, who is following in the footsteps of his idol Paul Jorgensen.



Tough little Marcos Morales, Bronx comer with a pleasing style.

WHILE the heavyweight class has always been the big thing in the boxing trade, the lightweight division has never been far behind. Four youngsters in the lightweight division who are making rapid headway are Marcos Morales, Anselmo Castillo, Vic Graffio and Carlos Quiles.

Among them they have had forty-two fights and lost only six, with Castillo, who made his pro debut in 1953, the veteran of the group. Anselmo, who is just growing into a 135 pounder, is twenty-one years old. He is one of nine children. He has three brothers and five sisters. A graduate of Bronx Vocational High School, he won 8 out of 10 bouts in the amateurs, reaching the semi-finals of the 1958 Golden Gloves.

He traveled to Providence for his pro debut and scored a one round knock out for which he received a total of only $18. But Anselmo, who loves fighting, continued at his trade and it was not until his fourteenth bout that he suffered his first loss when he dropped a disputed verdict to Bennie Gordon in six rounds in Madison Square Garden. Castillo floored the eight pounds heavier Gordon twice, but lost the verdict after a bruising battle.

In two previous fights he scored impressive kayos over Jimmy Kelly and Jamie Cruz and holds wins over Jerry Terry, Bert Reyes and Bob Shaughnessy. Born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, he has lived in the Bronx sector of New York City since he was nine and is employed by the Koret Pocket Book Corporation.

An excellent swimmer, Anselmo became interested in boxing while in high school and decided to try his hand in the amateur rank. The success he had, encouraged him to continue as a pro, but he intends to hold on to his job for the present.

GRAFFIO AN EX-MARINE

Vic Graffio of Port Arthur, Texas is an ex-Marine who was born in Franklin, La., twenty-three years ago. An older brother Joe, had a few amateur bouts and this decided Vic to give it a try. He had a successful amateur career in which he won the Texas state Golden Gloves and A.A.U. titles as well as the Junior Olympic title in 1958-59 while a student at Thomas Jefferson High School. In all, he turned in 71 victories in 78 fights, scoring over forty knockouts.

Graffio, is a protege of Paul Jorgensen, the top Texas featherweight, who recently retired and is now helping to train Vic. A tall 5 foot 8 lad he is a good boxer who is undefeated in nine bouts since turning pro in August of 1959.

Employed as a machinist by the Standard Brass Corp., he has impressed veteran boxing men with his coolness in action and punching ability that has accounted for kayos over Willie Watson, Pat Brown, Tano Serna, Leo Pinales, Manuel Mojica and Leon Amie. He has decisions over Don Reed, Danny Salazar and Al Franklin.

An ambitious lad, he spends long hours in the gym working out and polishing his skills.

QUILES ONE OF 11 CHILDREN

Quiles, a nineteen year old lad who was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Brooklyn, is one of a family of eleven children, consisting of five sisters and five brothers.

Carlos has been interested in boxing since he was seven. He started to box in the Police Athletic League as a ninety pounder while still a student at La Salle Junior High School. He won the championship in P.A.L. competition at 90 and 112 pounds, then when

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Anselmo Castillo, who has lost only once in fourteen pro fights.

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Unlike the booing, there was a mighty roar when the unexpected happened in the opening round as Ingemar's right floored Patterson and it appeared the Big Swede would repeat his performance of their first fight.

And when Patterson went down for the second time, the cheers for Johansson were even louder. It appeared that the crowd had come to see the foreigner, not the American, win.

The second knockdown apparently hurt Patterson more than the first, for he clutched wildly at Johansson's legs, seeking support, but in vain as he slid onto the rosin-covered canvas.

But shortly after, when Patterson sent Johansson to the floor, it was Floyd's feat that now brought on a thunderous roar. The turn brought the crowd to its feet, and momentarily, intense excitement prevailed. It was a fast tempo for an opening round. It became obvious that one or the other must go in the early rounds and the concensus appeared to favor Johansson as a sure winner.

The tide turned in the third. A cut over Johansson's left eye that caused the claret to flow worried Ingemar and he slowed down while Patterson came to the fore to take the lead. He also suffered a slight cut over his left eye.

But Floyd's performance lacked lustre even while he was scoring points. He was accomplishing the job he had set out to do, but in a manner that again caused the fistic experts to snicker as they recalled the thrilling battles of Marciano, Louis, Tunney and Dempsey.

They seemed to forget that the fighters in that Convention Hall were the best, except for Sonny Liston, of a mediocre crop compared to the greats of the past. Comparisons in these days of talentless heavyweights are worthless.

Had the ridiculous eight-count been waived for this title bout, as it should have been, the contest might not have gone beyond the opening round. Granted that although on each down Patterson took a two count before getting to his feet, he might have remained down for nine had the eight count rule not been enforced, the fact remains that the rule prevented Johansson from rushing in for a "kill".

By the time Floyd had rested for seven more seconds and another second had elapsed while his gloves were cleaned by the referee, Johansson had to get started all over again.

The same was true when Floyd dropped Ingemar, who took a three count, then jumped to his feet. Though the rule is a preventative measure, in championship fights, with few exceptions, it has been universally waived. It should have been waived for the heavyweight title bout. Never before has it been enforced.

Patterson got clipped hard in the first three rounds almost by as many lefts as by Ingemar's rights but in the fourth the Swede tired. His right by now had lost its zing and Floyd, realizing this, sank stinging lefts to the body. But both he and Ingemar lapsed into a Golden Gloves state in the fifth, in which neither performed better than the ordinary fighter.

During his training it was noticed that Johansson was practicing an overhand right. It was something new in his category and the newsmen during an interview queried him about it.

"Yes," he remarked, "I have been practicing it and I will use it."

This he did. Both of his knockdowns were with rights, the first an overhand blow that sent Floyd on his back.

From the start, it became obvious that this would be a brawl, the sort one often calls a bar-room fight and so it developed. The left that Johansson tried to perfect in

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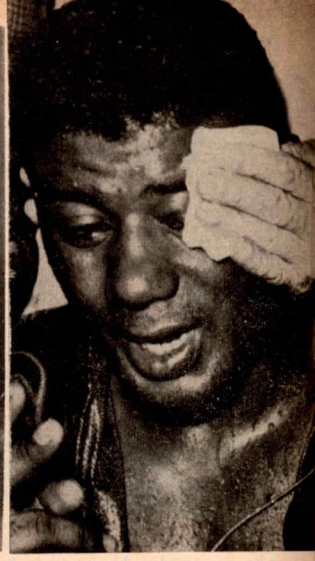
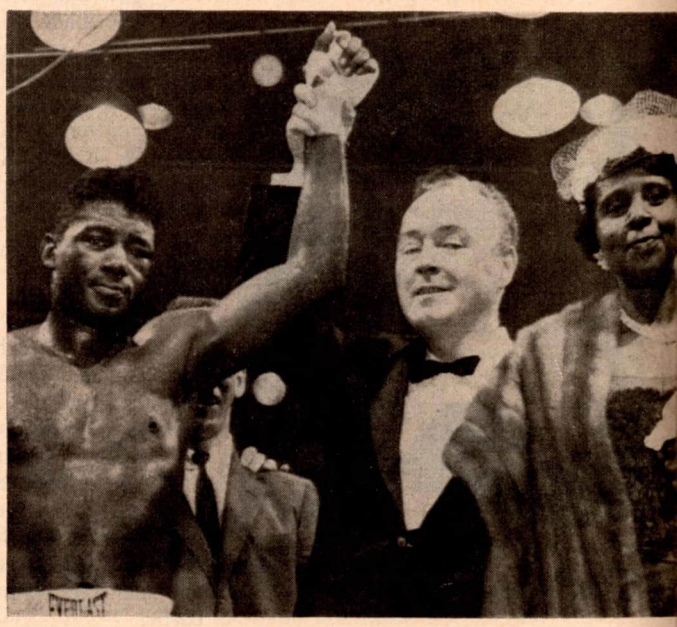


The battered features of the two men are evident in these shots taken after the fight. Both are bruised around the left eye and show the strain of battle.



(Above) The Winner and still Champion, Floyd has his hand raised in victory, while his mother Mrs. Annabelle Patterson flashes a happy smile. (Below) Sonny Liston, the top challenger for the title, discussed right hands with Johansson when they met at the weigh-in before the fight. Although Ingo's right wasn't good enough Sonny is willing to give his a try at knocking the crown off Floyd's head.

PENDER NEXT—MAYBE

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The fourth engagement between the N.B.A. champion and the man who six times was holder of a world crown, found Fullmer the boss in all but a few rounds. He abandoned his usual cross-arm defense for a more orthodox stance until the final three sessions, as a result of which he was far more effective than in their last contest. The only reason he returned to the cross-arm defense in the late rounds was because of his severe eye injury, his left eye being almost closed.

Robinson fought gallantly, but lacked the finesse of the engagements when in his prime. His jolting combinations rarely connected and he couldn't stop the heavy swinging, bull-rushing Fullmer whose hooks, overhand rights and often his jabs, slowed Robbie considerably.

Because of the weakness of the gong which could scarcely be heard, 19 seconds of the first round were lost while the fighters and referee stood in the ring awaiting the call to battle. And later, when the fight had ended, the announcer read the card incorrectly, and many, including Robinson and his cornermen, thought that Ray had won the fight by unanimous decision when the contrary was true. After some confusion, the correct announcement was made and a dejected Robbie left the ring.

After two successful rounds, an overhand right, a sucker blow, landed on Ray and knocked him into the ropes where he became a target for Gene's volley. The bombardment definitely was the turning point of the fight.

Ray made a good comeback in the fifth and again in the eighth which on my score card and those of all officials, went to the Harlem Dandy. And in the next frame, he continued his well known footwork to earn a draw.

His best round was the thirteenth in which he made an all-out effort to redeem lost ground and for a time it appeared he would make it. But Gene was not the one to give in. He came back with a whirlwind finish in the final two rounds in which he pounded Ray's body every time he cornered him and added to his already large advantage.

Gene's rushes took most of the strength from Ray as the fight neared its finish and Robinson, in an effort to protect himself, frequently jumped into a clinch. Gene kept pressing his man and there wasn't any part of the ring where Fullmer didn't have Ray against the ropes. When the pressure was somewhat relaxed, Ray would seek to shoot in a stiff jab or a hook, then quickly rush into a clinch.

There were no knockdowns, but the bout was a savage one, and pleasing from a spectator's point of view. Forty-year old Robinson simply could not stand the pace of his younger, stronger rival but succeeded in lasting the limit. Although Fullmer was high in praise of his opponent, he admitted that Ray didn't show the zip he had in their third bout that ended in a draw and which most of the newsmen and those who saw the fight on TV thought Sugar Ray had won.

That Ray went twelve additional rounds after the third, astonished all. Few figured he would be able to go the route, and that he did was a feather in his cap.

The 7,410 persons who witnessed the fight paid $155,000 and that sum, plus the $150,000 from television, bettered the record of the Jeffries-Johnson fight staged in 1910 in Reno.

I gave Fullmer nine rounds to five for Robinson and called one even, and in points, I favored Gene, 65 to 61.

It was Fullmer's fifteenth straight fight without a defeat, though he twice fought draws in title defenses with Giardello and Robinson. His only knockout in 59 starts has been at the hands of Robinson in their second fight in Chicago. For the aging Robinson, who still possesses courage and cunning, it was his ninth defeat since 1940.

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SCENE IN MONTREAL
By Gil Smith

A BENEFIT PROGRAM, headlining a team of Ed Carpentier-Dominic De Nucci vs. Kangaroo Al Costello-Ivan Kalmikoff, and staged in aid of Montreal Taxi Men's Mobile Chapel, was the top attraction of the month here.

The Mobile Chapel is a place of worship conducted for cab drivers by Rev. Fr. Acquin.

Carpentier and De Nucci won the roughhouse brawl taking 2 out of 3 falls from the opposition. It was a bout that featured ex-champ and longtime idol, Yvon Robert as one of the two referees, the other being Jimmy Orlando. It also featured Wild Red Berry in a frantic attempt to seize the public address mike and regale the crowd of 8,000 before hostilities began. And it ended in a chair-hurling display by that portion of the fans who took exception to the losers rough conduct.

Kalmikoff tacked down the opening fall for his side when he pinned De Nucci. The latter returned the compliment to the Russian with gusto, when he flattened Ivan in the 2nd fall battling to even it up. Both suffered head cuts and bled profusely.

Carpentier downed Costello with a stretch hold and press to win it for his side, but not before a series of free-swinging battles in and out of the ring which had referees Robert and Orlando going full out to maintain even a semblance of order.

Eventual loser Costello was particularly villianous in this one and he buffeted Carpentier about with wild abandon before the Frenchman steadied down to win the fall and the match.

De Nucci paired with Ed in the role of a substitute as it were, Argentine Rocca having the original choice to partner Carpentier.

Also filling in as a sub in a team tussle in the preliminaries was Red Berry. He and Angelo Savoldi officially opposed the Mark Lewin-Don Lutze combine, but Berry carefully permitted Savoldi to do all the fighting, while he busied himself in the role of overseer. Lewin and Lutze won the bout.

Angelo Mosca, Ottawa's 270-pound football ace, brought his flying tackle into the ring with him and made short work of target Tony Altimore, who went out in a hurry.

In other bouts, Fred Atkins and Ike Eakins were given the heave-ho for brawling ouside the ring . . . Juan de Sliva of Italy was winner over Bob Nador of Hungary.

It was no hot attraction—thanks to the weather—the night they staged the first wrestling program in the new Paul Sauve Arena . . . The Arena being built in memory of a late Quebec Premier.

With the Kangaroos—Costello and Heffernan—featured against a team of Lewin-Curtis, the Montreal weather went on a 41 degree plunge overnight, and turned the entire card into a chilling spectacle for both the crowd and the contestants.

In spite of the opening night difficulties, the card was completed and further attractions are expected to be slated for this Sports Centre.

Wrestler Gene Kiniski has discovered that to be a Badman means to live dangerously.

Tangling at Vancouver, B. C., with Whipper Billy Watson of Toronto in a bout billed as a British Empire Championship, Kiniski lost the battle, before a reported sellout crowd of 3,000. . . . He was then jostled about by a crowd who surged into the ring . . . And was finally stabbed in the side by an unidentified person who drove a knife into him . . . A policeman was also reported stabbed . . . The knife-welder vanished.

Kiniski was taken to hospital, blood pouring from the wound. Leaving for his Minneapolis home after repairs, Badman Kiniski made it clear to the Promoter that he would never perform there again unless assured of proper police protection.

See you next month.

EASTERN NEWS AND ACTION

By Earle Yetter

Some wrestling promoters stay away from the prospect of putting their matches on television. They feel that their gates will suffer. However, Pedro Martinez has used the medium with dazzling success and has increased the attendance in territories where matches were shown.

One outstanding example has been demonstrated in Rochester, N. Y. Live studio matches were telecast over WROC-TV, Channel 5, each Saturday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. It was estimated that the program was beamed to more than 1,000,000 viewers as letters were received from fans as far away as Oshawa, Canada, to the north; Syracuse and Kingston, to the East and Erie, Pa. to the south. So great was the response of the program that it became the most popular on WROC-TV.

The attendance at the regular matches on Wednesday evenings in Rochester was from 1,000 and 1,200. Since the advent of the live studio bouts, the attendance has increased 500% and has gone to 6,000 and 7,000 in the Flower City.

Promoter Martinez's original idea was to show wrestling matches to numerous shut-ins and convalescents who were unable to see the bouts in person. But the general reaction to the whole program has been a revelation.

The stormiest tag team event of the season was on exhibition in Buffalo, N. Y. when the indomnitable Irishmen Doc. and Mike Gallagher faced Duke and Sato Keomuka, the Jap judo and karate experts. The match was hard-fought from the beginning. The Japs dealt out their murderous judo chops to the Irishmen, but the Bayonne, N. J. duo who have been on top of tag team for two years, are at their best when doom seems to be descending. The match saw all four participants in the ring and outside on the floor through the last ten minutes of the match.

On television in Rochester, N. Y. Sato Keomuka demonstrated to viewers the power of his hands when he actually split a brick in two with powerful blows from the side of his hand. Doc. and Mike Gallagher fought fire with fire and in the closing minutes all four participants were bleeding from cuts and blows to all parts of their anatomies. When the bout got out of hand, all four were disqualified, but the fans realized that they had just seen a great tag team bout.

Forging into the tag team picture in the East is the estimable Duo of Bearcat Wright and Bobo Brazil. They are a combination who can make the going stormy for any other team in the country. In the past Wright has teamed up with Sweet Daddy Siki. Brazil teamed with Leo Nomellini on the West Coast where they ran up a string of victories.

Congratulations are in store for Dick Beyer, who has demonstrated his versatility as a wrestler and commentator of the Buffalo and Rochester matches. In Rochester, Earl Wood has also been of inestimable value to the programs there. There is never a dull moment when these two experts go into action.

In Buffalo, after the Wright-Brazil-Tolos Brothers Tag Team melee, Chris Tolos went to Beyer's microphone and announced that he and brother John could lick any tag team in the world. When Beyer remarked that Chris was taking in a lot of territory, Chris responded with a punch. Beyer dropped his microphone, took off his coat and squared away for action with Curtis, but Marty Moscato's hardy ringside police dragged Chris away to the dressing room before any more damage could be done.

The dazzling success of Miguel Perez, sensational Puerto Rican heavyweight, who has hung up 12 straight victories in Buffalo, N. Y. and as many in Ohio cities is a remarkable mat achievement.

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PHILADELPHIA AND CAMDEN

By Harry Clark and Phil Catus

The Philadelphia Arena and Camden's Convention Hall have been having top-notch matches. Ray Fabiani, promoter of both grappling houses has brought in such favorites as Pat O'Connor, Buddy (Nature Boy) Rogers, Johnny Valentine, Argentine Rocca, Bearcat Wright, Sweet Daddy Siki, The Crusher, Dick the Bruiser, Tito Carreon, Haystacks Calhoun, The Kangaroos, The Sharp Bros., The Bastiens, Pepper Gomez, Killer Kowalski, Karl Von Hess, Skull Murphy, Dick Steinborn, Billy Darnell, Johnny Gabor, and many more.

Pat O'Connor and Rocca recently wrestled to a draw for the heavyweight championship of the world. Sweet Daddy Siki made O'Connor go 58 Minutes before losing to the champ in one of the best bouts of the year. Daddy Siki and Bearcat Wright were recently battered, rammed and choked into submission by the Fabulous Kangaroos, but in the return match Roy Heffernan, Al Costello (The Kangaroos) nor Red Berry could be heard over the PA system in their protest over the second straight fall by the magnificient Jamacins.

Siki and Bearcat will for a long time be welcome sights in this area.

Buddy Rogers and Johnny Valentine have had a couple of exciting grudge matches. The second coming about when Valentine's famous atomic pile-driver accidently landed on the referee's head, and, of course, Valentine's disqualification. Before the evening was over Valentine returned to the ring in street clothes and challenged Rogers again. The fans approved unanimously. The purse was held over for the second match which ended when neither could get back in the ring. Valentine in his last two appearances here seemed to forget he is one of the mats most leading villians, and put on a show very unlike the Valentine we're used to seeing. It is a pleasant change.

Although the wrestling cards are only held every three weeks, they are well worth waiting for.

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We were sorry to hear that Chick Garabaldi, 47 years old, died of a heart attack after his match with Bruno Sammartino in New York on Feb. 18, 1961.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

By Gene Gordon

A near capacity crowd packed Charlottes Coliseum recently when Buddy Rogers met The Brute to headline one of the biggest all star events ever held in a Charlotte ring. Rogers had a rough time with The Brute but later applied his figure 4 leg lock to win. It can best be described as a bout between two wild beasts who were both so exhausted at the end they could hardly leave the ring. The "Brute" had to be carried out. Roger's leg holds left the big fellow unable to move.

Another thriller saw The Vacchon Brothers, Paul and Maurice, current Southern Tag Team Champions defeat George Becker and Sandy Scott. This wild meele was a disputed decision which caused much excitement and confusion among the fans who stormed the ringside shouting their disapproval.

Waldo Von Erick, a rough and wild grappler from Berlin, Germany, won with his "knee drops" from the ring post to subdue popular Jack Curtis. This German is the roughest wrestler seen here since Karl Von Hess. A nice fellow until he gets into a ring. With a merciless attack he resembles a lion let lose from a leash. He pounces upon his foe and quickly as possible is out to pound him to a bloody pulp in any way to win. A much feared man among all the wrestlers, he has really created havoc in this territory. Once outside the ring, he is just as different, modest, quite, and well mannered. Likes hunting and fishing and enjoys talking about the fine fishing and hunting he does when wrestling in Canada.

SHORT STORY ON BULL MONTANA
By Texas Bob Utter

I had the pleasure of talking with Bull Montana after he had demolished a young wrestler (his name I'll not mention) in a scrap that went two straight falls.

The Bull lit up his favorite weed, leaned back in his chair, and chuckled, *"I like to rough up these sissies. These punks that can't stand Montana's rough going should retire from the rasslin' game."*

Montana is perhaps the nearest thing to a human bulldozer of all the wrestlers in the trade. Standing 5-feet 7-inches in height, Bull rocks the Toledoes at a rollie-pollie 230 pounds. The fact that he can handle his dukes with the best makes him all the tougher to handle.

As a youngster, Bull (Chuck in society circles) wanted to become a boxer but his short stature prevented his tossing leather. In high school he was an all-around athlete with baseball and football being his choice sports. Wrestling proved to be his best bet.

In 1942 the stocky American-Italian star won the New England junior heavyweight crown and his talents since has been seen from coast-to-coast. He is the punishing type wrestler. He'll grab a leg scissors or a hammer lock and hold it for ten minutes at a time. *"I like to see them cry and whine,"* laughed Bull.

Montana doesn't hesitate to name Lou Thesz the roughest and smartest man he has ever faced.

THE EAST AND TEXAS RASSLING!
By Richard Branciforte

Jet Monroe, Sputnik Monroe's brother, invaded Texas. They have teamed successfully and are now the holders of the Texas tag team title. Torbellino Blanco, popular wrestler from Guadalajara has left Texas for Peru because of illness in his family. Blanco and Ciclon Negro previously held the Texas title but had to forfeit when Torbellino left.

Popular Pepper Gomez has retunred to the mat wars in Texas. Pepper has won all his matches thus far and has teamed with Wild Bull Curry.

The New Year started off right in Houston when promoter Morris Sigel featured a main event return battle between Ciclon Negro and World's Heavyweight Champion, Pat O'Connor. O'Connor took this match but it was one of his hardest yet.

Nick Kozak is going to be in Texas shortly and Tony Borne has returned from the Northwest to do battle with the top grapplers. Don "The Bruiser" has arrived in Texas and Danny Hodge, World's Junior Heavyweight Champion will be there soon. Dorrel Dixon, has taken Texas by storm. Dorrel is acclaimed by the fans as one of the greatest they have seen in years.

MINNEAPOLIS WRESTLING
By Dennis Stay

Wrestling in the gopher state is really booming. On one of Walley Karbo's finest cards, he put together 1500 pounds of muscle on one card. On one team Vern Gagne, Joe Scarpello, and Wilbur Snyder opposed by Hard Boiled Haggerty, Gene Kiniski and Len Montana. It was a riotous bout but the team of Gagne, Scarpello, Snyder were the victors.

Bob Geigel defeated Nick Roberts, Cowboy Bradley threw Tiny Roe, Bill Wright clubbed football star Bob Rasmussen. The bout drew the largest crowd of the year 9,000 fans.

On another card Wilbur Snyder and Gene Kiniski went twenty minutes before a winner was decided. When Snyder got a little careless and was going to pin Kiniski then Gene flipped Snyder over the top rope and Snyder couldn't make it back into the ring and Kiniski was the victor.

In other bouts, the battle of the Irishmen took place with a match between Hard Boiled Haggerty and Roy McCarthy, with H.B. being disqualified.

On another card, Vern Gagne and Wilbur Snyder went against world tag team champions, Hard Boiled Haggerty and Len Montana. When the bout started Snyder was not at the Auditorium, so Bob Rasmussen took Snyder's place. It was one fall apiece when Snyder arrived in the mist of the action and pinned Haggerty in about 55 seconds. But the Wrestling Alliance ruled that Rasmussen wasn't signed for the match. Haggerty said he had to wrestle three men and Montana said they had to wrestle the referee also.

WILD WEST WRESTLING
By Gene Corey

We had a lot of action here this last month, with Pat O'Connor making several title defenses in the area, and a grudge match between Shag Thomas and Tony Borne. O'Connor met Herb Freeman for the title in a very hard fought match. Herb lost the first fall, but took the second in ten minutes, and had the Champion in a full nelson when Pat ran Herb's head on into the crossbuckle. And, while Herb was still stunned, O'Connor pressed him for the count.

The following night O'Connor defeated Soldat Gorky, and taking him off the wrestling card for a while by laying him up with a back injury. Herb Freeman defeated Tough Tony Borne to take for the second time the North West Heavyweight belt. Borne took the first ball, Herb the second and third. Borne got into a fight with one of the other wrestlers outside the ring and was run head on into the back wall of the armory. On account of the condition Borne was in when he came into the ring for the last fall, it was decided that there should be another title match, which was won also by Herb Freeman as referee Frenchy Ropeirre had to disqualify Borne. Herb Freeman and Nick Kozaks took the Tag Team trophy in two matches from Tony Borne, Nelson Royal, and Tito Kupa. Wild Bill Savage came back after a trip around the mid-west and Canada. Tori Torres has left for a brief tour of the mid-west and we wish him luck, and will be glad to see him back. A deaf and dumb Mexican wrestler, Silento Rodriguez will be here the first of the year. He is a newcomer to the area, and is being looked for by some who have met and seen him elsewhere.

Herb Freeman and Nick Kozak retained the Tag Team Trophy in their match with Bill Savage and Tito Kopa. They had to have the referee's decision to win. Ropierre disqualified Savage and Kopa when he caught Tito standing on Kozak after the final fall.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO
By Dwight Willard

On March 4th promoter Roy Shires put on one of the biggest shows of the year when he drew 16,553 people paying $48,990 to the Cow Palace in San Francisco. In the three main events, Antonio Rocco beat Don Leo Johnathan in a one faller. Bill Melby then beat Mitsu Arakawa two falls to one and Roy Stevens took the third and deciding fall from Cowboy Bob Ellis.

In the semi-main event, Verne Gagne beat Angelo Savoldi. In a preliminary, Bruno Sammartino beat Chico Gracia and Lou Whitson beat Joe Tomasso in the opener.

HEART OF THE OZARKS
By Diane Devine

Here I am again with more news from Springfield, Missouri.

LeRoy McGuirk has really given us the best in wrestling with promises of even better matches and more new stars in '61. Weekly matches are held at the Shrine Mosque.

The junior heavyweight champion of the world, Dan Hodge has made several appearances here with his title at stake. One of his most interesting matches was against the Great Bolo. Bolo is claimed by many to carry a foreign object under his mask, so he had to demask in order to meet the champion and Don beat him only by a disqualification. It was a rough match, with the referee being knocked from the ring. While the official was out Bolo threw Hodge over the top rope which is an automatic disqualification here. The official climbed back into the ring in time to count the champ out. However, when told by fans and wrestlers that Bolo had thrown the champ from Oklahoma over the top rope, he automatically gave the match to Dan.

RATINGS

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WELTERWEIGHTS

Gaspar Ortega upset world champion Benny Paret, 10 (non-title).

Ted Wright upset Federico Thompson, 10, who had kayoed Alfredo Navarro, 2. Luis Rodriguez stopped Lyle Mackin, 5.

Ralph Dupas upset middleweight Joey Giardello, 10. Virgil Akins defeated Gerald Gray, 10.

Gomeo Brennan defeated Carl Hubbard, 6, Carl also lost to Stan Hayward, 8. Alfredo Cota upset Ludwig Lightburn, 10. German champion Helmut Mistol retained his title outpointing Gunter Hase, 12.

Bobby Sanders outscored Frank Ramirez, 10. Battling Torres kayoed Ranchero Ruiz, 3. Rocky Kalingo kayoed Terry Flores, 4. Mick Leahy defeated Jimmy McGrail, 10.

Luis Folledo defeated Boswell St. Louis, 10. Stefan Redl kayoed Herbert Schilling, 7.

Roberto Chetta drew with Juan Carlos Velardes, 10. Velardes then beat Rodolfo Mendoza, 10. Jesse Jones outpointed Kid Rayo, 10.

Gale Kerwin retained his Canadian title beating Peter Schmidt, 12. Jimmy Soo outpointed Ray Lancaster, 8.

Chris Christensen outpointed Luigi Furio, 10 and Ahmed Sebane, 10. Chivo Diaz kayoed Zorrito Ramirez, 3. Texas Hurtado defeated Juan Prieto, 10. Joey Durelle defeated Bill Johnson, 10, but lost to Don Ross, 10.

Frank Bradbury drew with Billy Walker, 6. Vince Bonomo stopped Ray Sheppard, 7. Willie Ross kayoed Tony Lopez Smith, 2.

Kenny Tavares drew with Butch Craig, 6. Don Manni defeated Jimmy Dorsey, 6. Bob Fosmire stopped Frankie Madison, 2.

Jesus Gonzalez won over Pedro Napoles, 8. Charley Smith stopped Eddie Pace, 5 and Ralph Moore, 4. Dick Knight won from Chencho Chavez, 6. Joe White halted Roger Nunez, 5.

Don Manni outpointed Johnny Mastrangelo, 8. Kang Kan-Soo stopped Kachiro Yamada, 8. Kenny Tavares whipped Earl Mathews, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Joe Brown defeated Joey Parks, 10 (non-title).

European Champion Dave Charnley retained his title outpointing Fernand Nollet, 15.

Flash Elorde retained NBA Junior Lightweight Title outpointing Joe Lopes, 15. Eddie Garcia outpointed Emilio Flores, 10. Ramon Cervantes stopped Gildo Montoya, 8.

Kenny Lane drew with Carlos Hernandez, 10. Italian champion Giordano Campari edged out Gene Gresham, 10. Solomon Boysaw halted Guy Gracia, 9.

Eddie Perkins outfought Chuck Taylor, 10. South American champion Jamie Gine drew with Hugo Juarez, 10, Hugo beat Rito Lopez, 10. Bunny Grant halted exchampion Lauro Salas, 10, Salas announced his retirement, following the fight.

Gildo Montoya upset Kid Anahuac, 10. Manuel Sosa won the vacant French title by stopping Jackie Chauveau, 8. Mario Vecchiatto defeated Franco Nenci, 10. Aissa Hashas kayoed Spike McCormack, 3.

Tito Marshall outpointed Sergio Gomez, 10. Rafael Navarro and Hector Diaz, drew 10. Harry Campbell whipped Dave Camacho, 10. Manuel Alvarez outpointed Juan Campos, 10. Jethro Cason stopped Freddy Cozart, 5. Tenejeros Boy won from Sammy Borja, 10.

Fidencio Ramirez scored over Adolfo Olguin, 10. Johnny Hart whipped Henry Olea, 10. Rip Randall stopped Joey Limas, 5. Mar Castellanos beat Cisco Kid, 10. Manuel Gonzales and Rocky Randell, drew, 10.

Santiago Ramirez kayoed Tony Lopez, 8. Chico Morales outpointed Tony Padron, 10. Tivador Balogh outscored Phil McGrath, 8. Johnny Bizzarro whipped Carmen Scialabba, 8, and kayoed Johnny Milton, 3. Ken Watson whipped Byron Hollingsworth, 8.

Dick DiVeronica won from Tony Christy, 8, and stopped Henry Hickman, 5; then beat Marcel Bizien, 8. Fred Martinovich stopped Eli Leggett, 7. Rudy Garcia defeated Johnny Ramos, 10. Bang Bang Walker beat Joe Lopez, 8.

Brian Jones whipped Billy Kelly, 8. Billy Braggs and Freddie Jackson drew, 6. Jackie Matesic stopped Teddy Grice, 1. Johnny White whipped George Williams, 5. Dave Coventry whipped Junior Cassidy, 8.

Manuel Favela stopped Bobby Silva, 4. Billy Anderson halted Al Carsello, 5. Eddie Edwards stopped Kiki Berrios, 5; but lost to Gabriel Hernandez, 6. Tommy Griffin defeated Young Kid Chocolate, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Rafiu King halted Chato Ramos, 5.

Cuban champion Sugar Ramos stopped Edwin Sykes, 4. Mexican champion Juan Ramirez kayoed Melchor Contreras, 6.

British titleholder Terry Spinks won on a disqualification over Dave Hilton, 7. Kazuo Takayama defeated Little Cezar, 10.

South American champion Ricardo Gonzales defeated Alvea D'Acosta, 10, and kayoed Raul Villalba, 7. Don Adamson kayoed Charlie Marshall, 3. Alfredo Escobar kayoed Billy Thomas, 8.

Jose Lopez whipped Cuate Sanchez, 10. Pastor Marrero kayoed Chico Veliz, 2. Mario Diaz halted Manny Sanchez, 5.

Roberto Palavecino decisioned Ernesto Martinsen, 10. Gallito Gonzalez kayoed David Rodriguez, 8. Rudy Corona stopped Joe Valdez, 6. Flash Panio outscored Danny Brown, 10. Fino Rosales defeated Chiquis Rosales, 10. Jorge Ceja stopped Miguel Rojas, 3.

Tony Herrera beat Henry Neito, 10.

Manny Berrios defeated Cain Rogero, 10. Alberto Martinez won over Fili Ascencio, 10, and kayoed Tono Gutierrez, 5, then decisioned Lauro Garcia, 10, Lauro beat Pachuco Reyes, 10.

Johnny Sarduy whipped Hector Rodriguez, 10. Larry Bataan decisioned Flash Menny, 10. Juvenal Minguez stopped Max Huerta, 10. Clemente Quijano won from Pedro Garcia, 10. Daniel Berrios won on a disqualification over Carlos Cruz, 2. Alfredo Sanchez bested Heliodoro Hernandez, 10.

Pulga Serrano decisioned Ray Salazar, 10, Ray had beaten Manny Elias, 10. Calaco Leon whipped Eduardo Duran, 10. Luis Figueroa outpointed Lionel Rivera, 8. Tom Lowery defeated Willie Green, 6, and stopped Eddie Henderson, 3. Queretaro Kid kayoed Adrian Rojas, 10, but lost to Julio Zuniga, 10.

Tadao Kawamura LeYang-jai, 10. Matt Mullane defeated Mercer Smith, 6.

Henry Macias scored over Gabriel Brambila, 10. Pollero Garcia whipped Eduardo Miranda, 10. Antonio Aguirre won over Marinerito Celis, 10. Eddie Moore and Johnny Cate drew, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Alphonse Halimi stopped Jean Renard, 4.

Joe Medel drew with Hiram Bacallao, 10.

Jose Lopez kayoed Manuel Esparza, 7. Carlos Hernandez bested Danny Kid, 10. Pierre Cossemyns kayoed Jimmy Carson, 2. Sugar Ray whipped Fritz Rings, 10.

Ray Asis defeated Angel Boy, 12. Memo Tellez whipped Juan Ibares, 10. Zurdo Pina kayoed Billy Peacock, 3. Ricardo Moreno drew with Nildo Peralta, 10.

Hector Agundez whipped Cuervo Salinas, 10. Juan Cardenas decisioned Jose Luis Martinez, 10. Tacuba Hernandez stopped Alex Jimenez, 2. Frankie Duran kayoed Henry Miramontes, 2. Al Padilla defeated Leo Aquino, 8.

Cuban champion Enrique Hitchman upset Panama champion Hecter Hicks, 10.

Ray Ruiz kayoed Herbert Miller, 8, and decisioned Sabino Mendez, 10. George Bowes edged out Michel Lamora, 10. Panchito Saldivar won from Gallito Ramirez, 10. Raul del Olmo stopped Enrique Garcia, 2.

Roberto San Martin defeated Antonio Jimenez, 10. Angel Ley halted Miguel Paredes, 9. Chuy Rodriguez won over Changa Magallanes, 10. Antonio Castanon beat Emilio Roman, 6.

Jean Guerard kayoed Edgar Basil, 5. Ray Valdez stopped Mario Luciano, 6. Rafael Anaya drew with Marcelino Diaz, 8. Augustin Carmona stopped Roberto Cordero, 2. Pajaro Gonzalez beat Nacho Mendoza, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

World champion Pone Kingpetch outpointed Jose Luis Martinez, 10 (non-title). Ramon Arias upset Mimun Ben Ali, 10.

Hiram Bacallao drew with bantam Joe Medel, 10. French champion Rene Libeer outscored Jacques Jacob, 10. Leo Zulueta defeated Dommy Ursua, 10. Spanish champion Raton Osuna outpointed Young Martin, 12. Ray Perez defeated Masao Ogawa, 10.

Ernesto Barrera whipped Nacho Escalante, 10. Chocolate Rodriguez halted Lolo Messen, 8. Luis Jimenez stopped Jamie Perez, 5. Miguel Botta kayoed Hurbieta Sosa, 4.

Little Rufe defeated Billy Brown, 10. Chivete Martinez halted Bernardo Perez, 6. Derek Lloyd and Don Braithwaite, drew, 8. Chico Jasso kayoed Mauro Miranda, 8.

Yangtze Harris defeated Cisco Kid, 8. Pancho Bhatachaji lost to Billy Walker, 8, but then stopped Walker in 1. Romy Sison kayoed Kid Tacio, 2. Abel Laudonio kayoed Oscar Lencina, 3.

Pete Regala kayoed Rocky Padilla, 1. Pierre Rossi whipped Ali Belhout, 10. Chilango Gomez stopped Nacho Duran, 7. Rafael Correa whipped Eddie Botello, 8.

RING DETECTIVE

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Now, then, what does the Ring Detective find in the evidence now 47 years old?

It might be argued that if the case did not yield any suspicious elements in 1914, it cannot be expected to stand out with greater clarity now.

This is not essentially true. The Ring Detective has found that in a great many cases the salient elements of a fight take on different aspects with the passing of time.

In fairness to Corri, it must be pointed out that ring officials in England in 1914 were far greater respecters of the rules than were referees in the USA.

Corri never defended his decision. However, it is conceivable that he felt the Smith punch while Carp was on his knees took precedence over Deschamps' invasion of the ruling.

Deschamps certainly had no right to rush into the ring in any event. Francois knew the rules, and he also knew that theatricals very often came in very handy. So Carp played the aggrieved and Francois played the outraged, and between them they drew a verdict from Corri.

Carpentier never discussed that fight when he visited this country. He knew he had been knocked out and that the Fates had cheated the Gunner.

Smith never stopped reviling the decision, the Frenchman and Corri.

NOT PRE-ARRANGED

There were rumors that Smith did not want to win and that his second punch was deliberate.

The Ring Detective has to rule this out. There was a lot at stake for the Gunner. The things which came the Frenchman's way later on would have come to Smith if Corri had ignored the innocuous grazing swing and ruled on the ring invasion.

It definitely was not a fix. It emphatically was not a plot with Corri in the middle.

It was one of those unfortunate cases of the loser winning, far too many examples of which hit you in the face as you thumb through the records.

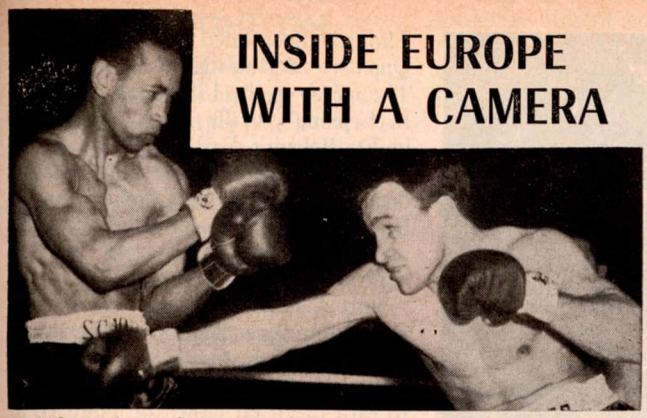
In this connection, it is interesting that readers of The Ring Magazine have sent in hundreds of inquiries, which come down to this one sentence: "Why have you found so many points of suspicion in so many past fights?"

The answer comes to this: Commission rule in boxing, too often riddled with politics, is far from ideal. However, it has done much to clean up bad conditions which were standard forty . .and more years ago.

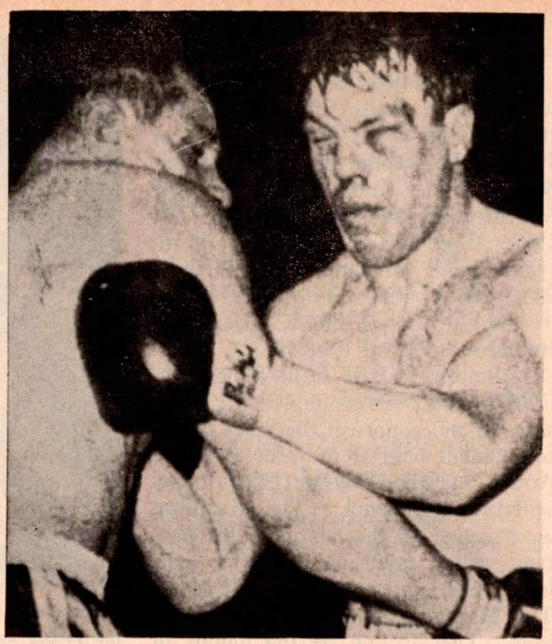
The Ring Detective reads with interest that the fighters of old were wonders because they fought so often; sometimes, twice in one day. Sometimes, champions battled twice in a month.

Frequent action precluded top effort all the way for many fighters. Ergo, some strange looking things; very strange looking things.

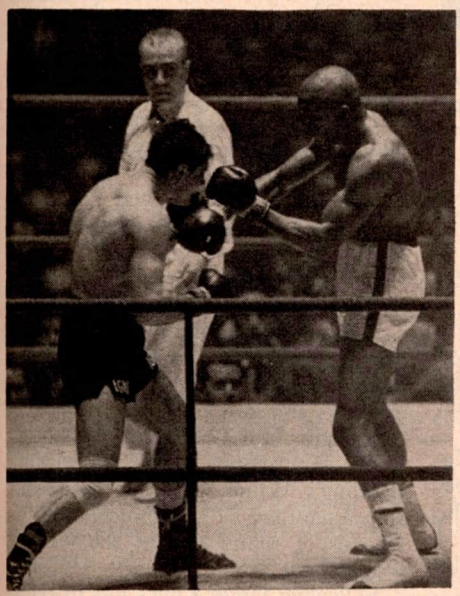
INSIDE EUROPE WITH A CAMERA



British Empire and European lightweight champion Dave Charnley retained his European title with a fifteen round decision over French champion Fernand Nollet. The above photo shows Dave poking out a long right jab in the opening round. By his victory Charnley earned another title shot at Joe Brown.

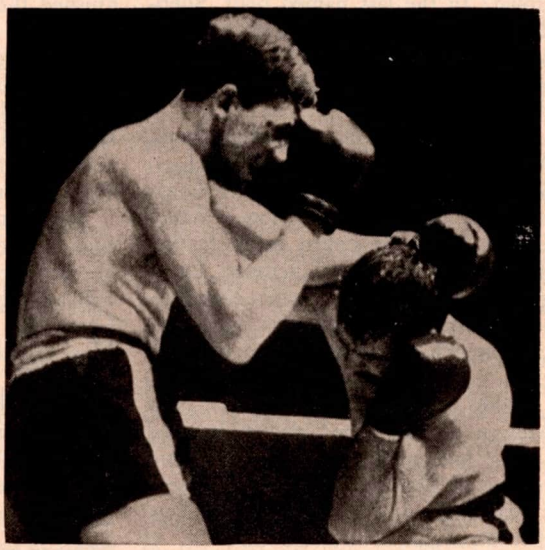


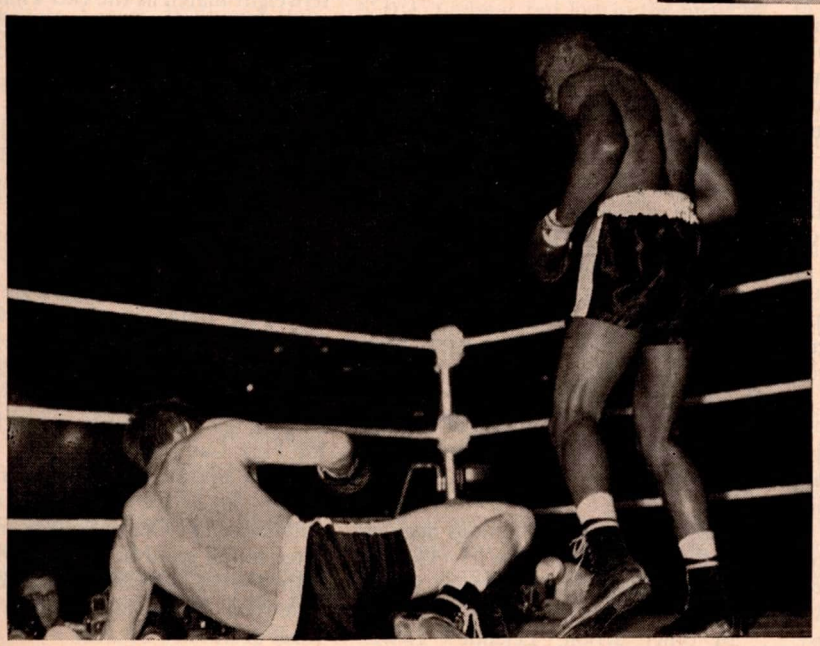
Looking nothing like a winner, European heavyweight champion Dick Richardson of Wales holds on to Germany's Hans Kalbfell during the last round of their title match in Dortmund. Richardson piled up a big early lead then held off Hans' strong finish to retain his title in a real old fashioned brawl.



American Freddy Mack lands a long right to the chin of Giulio Rinaldi of Italy during their ten round light-heavyweight bout in Rome. Rinaldi, who is matched with Archie Moore for the title in June, gained the verdict. The bout went the full route to the surprise of the Italian fans who thought that Giulio would knock out his unranked foe.

Lennart Risberg (left) of Sweden lost prestige when he was held to a draw by France's Germinal Ballarin before 5,000 fans in Gothenburg, Sweden. The veteran Ballarin was too cagy for the Swede and was able to offset his offensive moves. A victory for Risberg would have earned him a title match with Archie Moore or at least a shot at Erich Schoppner's European crown.





Unranked Philadelphian Von Clay threw a monkey-wrench into the plans of British Empire champion Chic Calderwood of Scotland, when he dumped Chic twice and handed him his first loss in thirty pro fights. The photo shows the Scot down for the second time in the fifth round from a left hook for a nine count. The win was the biggest of his career for the 22-year-old Clay.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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weight bout; Rudy Stringer, BAMC, tko'd David Penn, White Sands, in 1:20 of the second round of a welter bout; and in a middleweight bout Joe Martin, Fort Hood, decisioned Carl Corley, Fort Sill; in the 178 pound division Bobby Williams, Fort Sill, ko'd Augustine Ybarra of Fort Bliss; heavyweight Eker Harris, BAMC, decisioned Ray Hermandez of Fort Hood.

Hamilton Air Base, Calif.—The Hamilton Air Base boxers gained the lion's share of the honors in the finals of the tournament held at its field, in which Army, Navy and Marine Corps representatives competed. The Hamilton crew carried off the honors in the bantam, welter, light middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions. The Marines, as usual, were tough to beat. They carried off the honors in four bouts—feather, lightweight, light welter and middleweight divisions.

Letterman Hospital was the lone winner for the Army, taking the flyweight crown. In the last named bout, Sheridan Morgan of Davison, Mich. stopped Marcias Gonzales, Hometown, Detroit, the Edwards A.F.B. finalist, in 1:28 of the third round.

In the bantam class, Arthur Jones, Augusta, Ga., defeated Ansencion Lira, Salta Paula, California, a Fort Lewis entry, by unanimous decision. Charles Brown, Pendleton's entry in the feather division, hailing from Cincinnati, Ohio, gained the unanimous verdict over Nelson R. Morales of Brooklyn, in a very close match. Morales is with the Marines.

Pablo U. Montoya, Santa Rosa, New Mexico, a good crowd pleaser, finished strong, but couldn't overcome the hard hitting of Marine George W. Jackson, Indianapolis, Ind., and the Camp Pendleton entrant, won the bout.

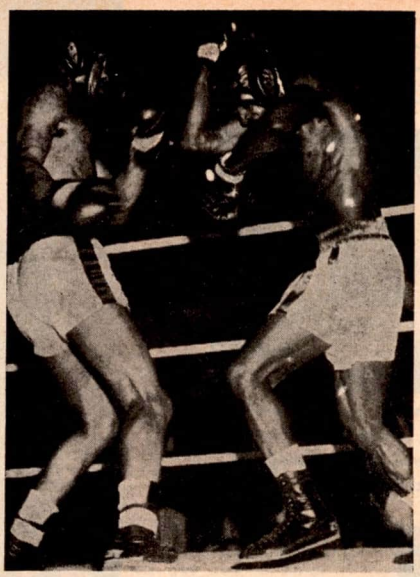
In three action-packed rounds, Ernie F. Garcia, San Francisco, and Paul Fujii, Honolulu, from the Marine Corps, the Hawaiian got the decision. He dropped his opponent in the second round. They are light welters.

Ralph McCoy, Richmond, California, of Hamilton Field, took the welter crown from Joe Clark, Las Vegas, Nev., winning all three rounds.

Dean Harris, Aberdeen, Wash., won the light middleweight cup for Hamilton, by defeating Roosevelt Sanders, Camp Pendleton by unanimous decision.

Andy Kendall, Baker, Oregon, dubbed Tiger of the Ring, beat Richard Anderson, Oakland, Calif. Both are Pendleton Marines. Kendall's barrage never ceased.

The light heavyweight final lasted less than two rounds. Air Force representative Fred Lewis, Phoenix, Arizona, blasted out the Fort Lewis finalist,



Arthur Jones, right, Hamilton A.F.B., gained the verdict over Ansencion Lira of Fort Lewis, is a fast three round bantamweight contest.

Albert Lee, Columbia, S. C. Lewis dropped his opponent in the first and finished the job in the next round.

Daniel Stepneiswki, Milwaukee, Camp Pendleton's heavyweight, had a reopening of a facial wound suffered in a previous bout with Jack Perry of Fort Lewis, and lost a good, hard hitting match in the finals to C. E. Foster, Washington, D. C.

The team honors went to the Marines as the host, Hamilton Base, does not receive the winners' trophy. The outstanding boxer award went to Fred Lewis and Pablo Montoya won the Most Inspirational Boxer Award.

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.—Camp Lejeune's Boxing team, showing midseason form and experience gained in recent bouts, punched their way to a 7 to 0 sweep in the matches held at Quantico for their first win of the season.

Though Quantico joined forces with the Army against Lejeune, the local fighters excelled. The fights had been scheduled against Quantico Marines but Lejeune, on its arrival at Virginia Marine Base, found its men matched against boxers from Ft. Belvoir in three of the seven events.

Lejeune's Tom Hennessy racked up the only stopper of the night in the 147-pound class as he stopped Ft. Belvoir's John Hickman in the third round.

The other two bouts judged noteworthy by boxing officials were Ron Cooper of Lejeune versus Lou Beverly,, Quantico, in the bantamweight division and Lejeune's Bill Wier against Quantico's Bill Starley in the light welterweight class.

Cooper took this unanimous decision over Beverly while Bill Wier eked out a split decision over Starley in a very close match.

In other action, Lejeune's Lowell Thomas decisioned Floyd King of Quantico in the lightweight division. The match in the 139-pound class went to Lejeune's Willy Davis with a win in Ft. Belvoir's Earl Ash.

Lejeune middleweight L. L. Martin decisioned Quantico's George Behor in three and Lightheavy Bill Love got the nod over Angel Marquez of Ft. Belvoir.

Fort Campbell boxers scored their most impressive triumph of the season when they defeated boxers from Fort Bragg, N. C., and Fort Benning, Ga., to earn the team crown of Third U. S. Army boxing.

The Screaming Eagles captured eight of ten Third Army championships to win the team tournament trophy by a handy 22-point margin over their nearest competitor, Fort Bragg. Fort Benning finished third, 33 points behind Campbell.

The lone Eagle loss was handed to lightweight James King by Fort Bragg's Henry "Hank" Aaron.

Fort Campbell's Robert "Moose" Carmody kicked-off the evening's card in the flyweight division with a third round TKO victory over Alvin Lewis of Fort Bragg.

Bantamweight Johnny Joiner traded punches with Fort Bragg's Gil Ynez to outpoint the Bragg slugger in a duel of hooks and crosses.

A right hook by Fort Campbell's Dave "Bang Bang" Harris chilled Fort Benning's Willie Williams' championship aspirations in two minutes and 51 seconds of round two in the featherweight bout.

Following James King's loss to Hank Aaron, Fort Campbell light-welterweight Jimmy Carter recovered the Fort Campbell victory drive with a third round KO of Fort Benning's Fred Rutherford.

The same pace followed in the welterweight match as the two Third Army masters of counter-punching, Fort Campbell's Ray Owens and Fort Bragg's Jimmy Scates, tried to out-wit each other. The 1960 All-Army welterweight champion Scates yielded the victor's laurels to Owens on a decision.

Fort Benning's Leon Hall copped the light-middleweight honors from Bragg's Eddie Hunter in a decision bout, while Fort Campbell middleweight Alvin Brown went unopposed by his scheduled Fort Bragg opponent to win the 165-pound weight class by forfeit.

Converted middleweight Gerald Pate trounced Fort Benning's Melvin Lonas to pick-up the light-heavyweight title for Fort Campbell.

In an unexpected conclusion to the tourney finals, Fort Bragg's versatile ex-middleweight Gene Strahan made a three round go of his heavyweight bout with Fort Campbell's 1960 All-Army champion heavyweight, Elmer Rush. Rush decisioned Strahan.

SOME LIGHT ON LIGHTHEAVIES

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by demolishing Carpentier, he was responsible for another momentous episide when he elected to risk his laurels against an Irishman, Mike McTigue, in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1923. To the surprise of practically nobody, Siki lost the decision and the title.

McTigue held the championship for two years, two months and two weeks, Paul Berlenbach relieving him of it in New York on May 30, 1925.

As champion, Berlenbach earned the distinction of topping the first boxing card staged in New Madison Square Garden on December 11, 1925. He retained the title by outpointing Jack Delaney. The following summer, however, Paul was beaten by Delaney in Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, in a bout that still holds the all-time highs for attendance and receipts for a light-heavyweight bout. The fight drew a turnout of 49,186 and gross box-office business of $461,789. The date was July 16, 1926.

Although a legitimate 175-pounder, Delaney decided to relinquish the title and campaign among the heavyweights. When Berlenbach also moved up with the big 'uns, McTigue reclaimed the championship, but he lost his claim when Tommy Loughran outpointed him in New York on October 7, 1927.

Loughran was a busy champion for nearly two years, successfully defending his laurels no less than six times. In succession he beat Jimmy Slattery in New York, Leo Lomski in New York, Pete Latzo in Brooklyn, Latzo again in Wilkes-Barre, Mickey Walker in Chicago and Jimmy Braddock in New York.

Having fought himself out of serious competition, Loughran emulated Delaney by giving up the light-heavyweight title in August, 1929, and stepping up with the heavyweights.

CONFUSION BEGINS.

With Loughran's departure, the light-heavyweight division found itself entangled in a confusing situation for a couple of years, with New York State and the National Boxing Association recognizing different champions.

In an elimination tournament sponsored by the New York board, Jimmy Slattery and Lou Scozza reached the final round. They tangled in Buffalo on February 10, 1930, Slattery winning. Slattery and Maxie Rosenbloom hooked up in Buffalo later that year, on June 25, and Slapsie Maxie was the winner. The following year, on August 5, Rosenbloom again whipped Slattery, this time in Brooklyn.

Meanwhile, differences had developed between New York and the N.B.A., and the latter, refusing to recognize Rosenbloom, staged its own elimination series. In the finale, George Nichols whipped Dave Maier in Chicago on March 18, 1932.

New York eventually won the dispute. Nichols wasn't much of a champion and gradually faded from the scene. Rosenbloom went on to establish himself as the real champion and even the N.B.A. accepted him as such until he lost to Bob Olin in New York on November 16, 1934.

Olin held the title for two weeks less than a year, losing it to John Henry Lewis in St. Louis on October 31, 1935.

Lewis was an active champion for three years, defending against Jock McAvoy in New York, Len Harvey in England, Bob Olin in a return bout in St. Louis, Emilio Martinez in Minneapolis and Al Gainer in New York. Becoming ambitious, John Henry made a bid for the heavyweight title on January 25, 1939, but was wrecked in a hurry by Joe Louis in New York. After the bout Lewis announced that he was retiring from the ring because of failing vision.

MORE CONFUSION.

Once more the light-heavyweight title was tossed out into the open market, and again separate elimination tourneys were sponsored by New York and the N.B.A.

An odd development in the rival series was that southpaw Melio Bettina was a finalist in both. In the New York eliminations, Melio stopped Tiger Jack Fox on February 3, 1939, but later that year was beaten twice by Billy Conn, on July 13 in New York and September 25 in Pittsburgh. Conn subsequently went on to defend his laurels in two bouts with Gus Lesnevich in New York, on November 17, 1939, and June 5, 1940.

Bettina, meanwhile, had entered the N.B.A. tourney, but lost in the finale to Anton Christoforidis in Cleveland on January 13, 1941.

When Conn forsook the light-heavyweight division to challenge Joe Louis for the heavyweight title in 1941, Lesnevich replaced him against Christoforidis in a match to settle the argument over the rightful champion. The bout, held in New York on May 22, was won by Lesnevich.

Since then Lesnevich lost the laurels to Freddie Mills in England on June 26, 1948, Mills was succeeded by Joey Maxim, also in England, on January 24, 1950, and Maxim, as previously noted, was beaten by Archie Moore in St. Louis on December 17, 1952.

Currently, the title is involved in another dispute between New York and the N.B.A. Some months ago the N.B.A. withdrew his recognition of Moore as champion because he hadn't risked his title since August 12, 1959, when he demolished Yvon Durelle in their second clash in Montreal. Harold Johnson is now accepted by the N.B.A. as champion.

It is an unwritten but generally accepted law in the trade that titles are won and lost in the ring, not in the offices of boxing commissions, and until he is beaten or voluntarily relinquishes the laurels, Moore will continue to be recognized by most of the world as the real champion. He's already beaten Johnson in three of four non-title outings, and knocked him out in their one championship get-together.

PATTERSON REPEATS—DOWN TWICE

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camp was used to some extent, but most of the time without much effectiveness.

Out of every half dozen tossed, one would land with force and the remainder were little more than flicks. Consistency was not part of this fight. Despite the thrills of the opening round, it must go down into ring history as one of the poorer ring battles for the heavyweight title.

There was little to choose before the finish. I had tabbed the fight 47 to 46 for Patterson prior to the knockout while Referee Bill Regan of the University of Miami had it 48 to 46, Judge Carl Gardner, 48 to 47 and Judge Gus Jacobson, 49 to 46.

It was a fight in which the champion redeemed himself, coming back from the run of defeat to battle his way to a knockout victory.

As for Johansson, he lost heart when he found he couldn't keep his man down, though he fought better than when he lost the title. But each showed a definite weakness—neither can take a solid blow without flinching or dropping. The assets of heavyweight greats of the past are not in possession of either Floyd or Ingemar.

How did the fight end? Patterson set up his foe with a sharp left and quickly followed with a downward chopping right that struck high on the side of the ear. It was a stunner. Ingo crashed to the canvas and at the count of six he started to rise, but he fell forward at the next count. He was still struggling to get to his feet as Referee Regan kept tolling off the count but couldn't make it. Many thought Referee Regan had given Johansson a short count, but such was not the case. He lost by over a second.

As for the receipts, they were disappointing only because the Feature Sports Inc., the promotion outfit, had figured on double that sum, but the gate of $502,000, paid by 15,532 persons, was a new indoor record for Florida. The crowd was about 3,000 short of the figures expected.

LIKELY LOOKING LIGHTWEIGHTS

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he became sixteen, he entered the amateurs as a featherweight. He fought a grand total of 90 bouts between his PAL and amateur career and lost only 7.

Last year he reached the semi-finals of both New York Golden Gloves and the Metropolitan AAU lightweight tournaments, and captured the Met. AAU 132 pound title.

Carlos was forced to leave the Charles Evans Hughes High School in his last year to help support his large family. He is a machinist employed by the F. & R. Sewing Machine Company in New York City.

A well built 5 foot 6 inch, 135 pounder he launched his pro career last June with a four round win over Rocky Fischetti and followed with wins over Jerry Terry and Taco Gonzales then dropped a verdict to Carmen Scialabba.

His first bout of 1961 was a rematch with Scialabba and Carlos earned a draw.

MORALES FORMER STAR AMATEUR

Another Puerto Rican born scrapper who is now making his home in New York City is Marcos Morales. Marcos who started to box in his home town of Arroyo when he was sixteen, won the Puerto Rican amateur flyweight crown the following year and repeated again in 1956. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, he moved to New York and settled in the Bronx where he entered the Golden Gloves and went on to twice win the Golden Glove bantamweight crown in 1958 and 1959. In all, he had thirty-four bouts as an amateur winning thirty.

22 years old Marcos comes from a large family. He has five sisters and five brothers, with younger brother Eddie now boxing as an amateur. The need for money to help support his brothers and sisters, made him decide to turn pro and he launched his punch-for-pay career in 1959 as a featherweight. He went to the post five times, scoring four decision wins and boxing a draw. The draw was with Jimmy Gorman whom he defeated in his very next start.

In 1960 Marcos had six fights, winning three, losing two and boxing a draw. He dropped his first two bouts of the year and in July traveled back to Puerto Rico where he made his main bout debut, winning a ten round decision over Santos Domingo champion Carlos Cruz. It was the first time that he had boxed more than six rounds.

He then defeated Al Dublin who had beaten him earlier and scored another upset by slugging to a draw with Bennie Gordon in eight rounds in one of the most exciting fights staged in St. Nick's in recent years. He is a colorful aggressive crowd-pleasing boxer.

DUAL CHAMPS FREE CLASSES

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against Dave Maier, and then was knocked out by Lou Scozza.

Scozza competed in a tournament conducted by the New York Commission, only to lose to Jimmy Slattery in the final. Slattery lost it to Maxie-Slapsie Rosenbloom, who was champion for four years.

When John Henry Lewis, having won it from Bob Olin, moved up to be knocked out by Joe Louis, Tiger Jack Fox and Melio Bettina were named to fight for the vacant throne. Bettina won an easy victory in nine rounds, only to run into Billy Conn. When Conn followed in Lewis' footsteps to fight Louis, the title was split again. A Greek named Anton Christoforidis defeated Bettina in Cleveland to become NBA champion.

Actually all that was at stake was the NBA title when Gus Lesnevich, the White Russian, defeated Christoforidis at the Garden. To win universal recognition Gus has to defeat Tami Mauriello. The title wasn't split again until the NBA dumped Moore.

In the years when Georges Carpentier of France held the world light-heavyweight crown, Gene Tunney was recognized as American champion. Gene lost it to Harry Greb, it being his only setback, and then regained it. Interest in the American title vanished when Battling Siki lost the world championship to McTigue in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day.

The heavyweight class has never had a dual champion. There have been attempts to stake a claim to it, and in the years Jack Johnson was in exile, Gunboat Smith claimed to be the American champion. In a like manner Jack Sharkey fought a draw with Mickey Walker for the American title. That was when Max Schmeling of Germany was world champion.

There have been dual champions in other classes, particularly the featherweight. This was brought about originally by Johnny Dundee outgrowing the class. He was succeeded by Danny (Kid) Kaplan, but when he could no longer make 126 pounds there were featherweight title battles all over the country.

We have Benny Bass beating Red Chapman; Tony Canzoneri beating Bass, and Andre Routis beating Canzoneri. When Bat Battalino, having defeated Routis, outgrew the division, Tommy Paul outpointed Johnny Pena for the NBA version of the featherweight title. Kid Chocolate was recognized as champion in New York when he knocked out Lew Feldman in 12 rounds.

Although he had previously lost to Feldman, Paul continued as NBA champion until he was defeated by Freddie Miller. Miller lost to Petey Sarron, and then Henry Armstrong took over. Armstrong knocked out Sarron in six rounds to win the first of his three titles.

Henry never defended the featherweight title. The result was half a dozen or more conflicting claims during which Joey Archibald, Harry Jeffera and Chalky Wright scrambled for the New York version. Petey Scalzo, Richie Lemos and Jackie Wilson followed one another as NBA champions, and were followed by Jackie Callura, Phil Terranova and Sal Bartolo.

Willie Pep cleaned things up by outpointing Wright, and knocking out Bartolo in 12 rounds. At the moment nobody disputes Davey Moore's right to sit on the featherweight throne.

There has been little conflict in the welterweight division in recent years. After Carmen Basilio graduated to the middleweight class, Virgil Akins won the tournament set to crown a new champion.

In the lightweight class, following Sammy Angott's retirement, Bob Montgomery held the New York title, and Slugger White was recognized by the NBA. It remained for Ike Williams to clean up the mess.

The current bantamweight confusion was brought about by the retirement of Joe Becerra. He had won the crown from Alphonse Halimi, but on being stopped by Eloy Sanchez in a non-title bout decided to terminate his career. By defeating Ireland's Freddie Gilroy, Halimi, an Algerian, reclaimed the throne, and is recognized in Europe.

Eder Jofre of Brazil knocked out Sanchez in six rounds at Los Angeles, and the NBA proclaimed him champion.

A similar situation prevailed several years ago following the retirement of Australia's Jimmy Carruthers. While Robert Cohen defeated Chameren Songkitrat of Thailand for the vacant championship, the NBA proclaimed Raton Macias of Mexico king of the bantams. The dispute was settled by Halimi defeating Macias and the Italian Mario D'Agata. The latter had acquired the title by knocking Cohen out in six rounds.

From time to time the flyweight class has had dual champions, as it did when Frankie Genero was the NBA champion, and Corp. Izzy Schwartz was recognized by New York. At the moment the 112-pound class has a single head, Pone Kingpetch, Thailand's first world champion. Oddly enough he won it from Pascual Perez, the only Argentinian to hold a world championship.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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Archie Moore, who trained him for a month in San Diego, says Clay has what it takes to land among the top ten. When Clay sparred with Harold Johnson at the time Harold was training for the National Boxing Association light heavyweight crown which he now holds, Harold spoke highly of Cassius' ring movement and his punch.

Then came the report from Palm Beach, where Clay acted as a sparmate for Ingemar Johansson.

"He's good, this fellow," said the Swede. "He is faster than Patterson. He does a lot of jumping around and is hard to hit. He's a good boxer."

All of which points to one thing—watch this lad who has not yet reached his twentieth birthday. Give him another year's professional experience and he'll be shooting for the top spot. But only if those who are guiding him don't feed him too many hams for quick knockouts. Such procedure will surely kill the goose, so far as Clay's future is concerned.

Remember the case of Billy Fox? Recall the build-up of Lamar Clark?

Clay has what it takes to advance. He doesn't need such build-ups, and it is hoped that he will be given the kind of opposition that will enable him to gain the experience he needs and instil the confidence a contender should possess. The future of Clay rests in the hands of his trainers and manager.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE SHOULD BE BACKED BY ALL

One of the most unfortunate developments in international boxing in recent years was the disbanding of the World Championship Committee, which embraced the New York State Athletic Commission, the National Boxing Association, the British Boxing Board of Control and the European Boxing Union. Among them, they practically controlled, or supervised, boxing throughout the world, and much good could have come of their unified efforts had the Committee continued to function.

With so much confusion existing now with the various world championships, this would seem a propitious time to revive the Committee, and try to get some intelligent supervision of the titles and their holders. As matters stand now, we already have double champions in two divisions, the light-heavyweight and middleweight. If the N.B.A. continues its practice of dethroning champions for not defending their titles within the specified six-months period, the next class to feel its arbitrary wrath will be the featherweight. Davey Moore hasn't risked his laurels since August 29, 1960, and his period of grace expired sometime ago.

Boxing, in its present condition, cannot continue to survive constant bickerings and differences among the various boards entrusted with the job of supervising the industry. It's about time they all got together, on a sound, intelligent basis, and tried to bring some semblance of order out of what is becoming a deplorable chaotic mess. Cheap petty politics and cravings for personal aggrandizement do not belong in an industry that is not limited to local operations but is world-wide in scope. Let's revive the World Championship Committee and try to get some coherent cooperation out of it.

If this committee, with one representative from each organization, the N.B.A., E.B.U., British Board of Boxing Control, New York and the Orient Federation existed, there would be no need for slap-stick comedy in boxing. A champion would have to defend when ordered to do and he wouldn't be in a position to select a "ham" for his opponent. Let's revive the World Committee.

THE ARGENTINE WAY

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and Jacobs sought out the Garden boxing department and asked for another top go.

"*You've got it,*" they were told, "*just put him in a small club and get a win.*"

He was matched with Stefan Redl in St. Nick's and it proved a bizarre experience rather than a mere tuneup.

In the second round, coming out of a clinch, Fernandez began blinking. In the corner he complained of 'triple vision.' And, after the bout was over, he tossed and moaned on a rubbing table, wet compresses over both his eyes. He was a winner all right but an unhappy one.

"*Something must have got into his eyes,*" Chickie Ferrara, his trainer insisted, "*he was seeing three people in there.*"

A check by the State Athletic Commission cleared Redl of any suspicion of using an irritant on his gloves. The cause remained a mystery. Later diagnosed as "inflammation," Jorge's condition disappeared after he had his eyes bathed with a prescribed solution.

MATCHED WITH MOYER FOR OPENING TV SHOW

Subsequently the Garden gave him a featured fight with Denny Moyer, youthful upsetter of Paret in an over-the-weight bout during the summer. It was booked for October 22, the week after Benny was to have boxed Thompson.

Around the first of that month, Paret came down with infected tonsils. The promoters promptly asked Fernandez if he'd fight a week earlier. Moyer was ready, they said. Jorge's acceptance was instantaneous.

Thus Don Jorge, the gamester-gaucho, fell into a historic spot: the opening night of Saturday TV in the new Garden-guided series over ABC. But he had been due to appear on the first show, one way or another. Many weeks earlier the sponsors had sought a couple of fighters who could provide action for the pre-filmed introduction; Fernandez was selected with Isaac Logart . . . their pom-pom-pom for 30 seconds now brings on every show.

Opening night, however, a sharp-eyed observer could have thought he was seeing double. There, in the main event, was the same fellow he'd seen in the opening movie sequence!

On paper this had to be a very tough match for Jorge. Denny Moyer had lost only two in 28 and, strictly on a won-and-lost basis, he had a bulge on the Argentine. Denny had lost and won with Griffith, who had a 2-0 score against Fernandez.

JORGE FOLLOWS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN

Shrewd veteran handler Frankie Jacobs wasn't letting Jorge concede anything in advance. In the dressing room on fight night he spoke to him like a Dutch uncle:

"*George, this fellow takes you for a left hooker, right? Well, what you should do is something different, right? And what I'm getting at is you should hit him with a right.*"

Jacobs has no Spanish at his command but he's a good sign-language man and his punning on the word got across. He'd been emphasizing every phrase by waving the hand he'd referred to.

Fernandez got the message. Through an interpreter in the room he told Jacobs rapidly in Spanish: "*Nobody here knows I have a good right. In Argentine I knock out fighters with my right, knock them cold. . . . I know what to do—when he jabs with his left, I will cross with my right. I keep him so busy he won't know what to do.*"

Promptly Moyer, the 2-1 betting favorite, learned that Fernandez had a very effective right. No less than three times in the first round did Jorge drill over that punch. It was his policeman putting Denny on notice the bombs could come from either side.

From that beginning to the end of their 10 rounder Jorge had Moyer on the defensive and his triumph was both deserved—and well received.

Overall Jorge Fernandez had been part of a pattern, the pattern of Argentine boxers, a breed which cuts the promoters' gamble on importation to a minimum. Don't ever forget it, they come to fight.

IN LATIN AMERICA

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

LERDO CITY, a little town of Durango State, is really a part of Torreon, the main city of La Laguna, the Cotton Empire of Mexico. Lerdo, our neighboring little Sister City, produces the best figs of all the world and also the best lefty prizefighters in Northern Mexico. Humberto 'Zurdo" Carillo, Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza and Salvador "Zurdo" Varela, were the Big Three in our Fistiana. German Ohm, that little kid, was also a native of Lerdo town. The Figland of La Laguna is now again into active boxing with his Arena "Lerdo" (outdoor, 3,000 capacity) staging normal weekly shows under the promotion of Benigno Reyes and Carlitos Segovia. So, we are welcoming Lerdo Boxing in this column.

▶**ARENA "LERDO"**, Lerdo—Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz, 143, local welter, put to sleep veteran hard puncher Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez, 145, in only three heats. Jesus Segovia, 123, the clever son of promoter Carlitos Segovia, scored a clean cut 8-round kayo triumph over veteran Jorge "Pajarito" Valverde, 122, former Matamoros topnotcher. Fernando "Chamaco" Lopez, 134, Lerdo newcomer, bested Cecilio Vargas, 135, after eight well fought rounds.

▶**ARENA "LERDO"**, Lerdo—Manuel Favela, 140, rugged Lerdo Bronco, stopped classy Roberto "Bobby" Silva, 136, in four rounds. Mario "Pollo" Ramos, 132, whipped Manuel Varela, 133, in the 10-round semifinal. "Pajarito" Silva, 130, outscored Fernando "Chamaco" Lopez, 134, in eight. Antonio Macias, 128, embalmed Manolo Gonzalez, 135, in the very first round. Rogelio "Tecolote" Meraz, 141, and Francisco Garcia "Kid Peligro", 137, drew after four full action rounds.

▶**ARENA "OLIMPICA"**, Gomez Palacio—Manny Berrios, 128, Juarez, decisioned Santiago "Cain" Rogero, 126, in ten rounds. Catarino Guerrero, 199, The Big Calabrote from Francke, iced Johnny Moreno, 189, Juarez, in the very first heat. Beto Martinez, 127, decisioned Jose "Ruso" Lopez, 125, in the 8-round semi wind. Augustin Contreras, 119, stopped Trini Astorga, 118, in the sixth heat. Juan Rosales, 133, outpointed "Pajaro" Gutierrez, 131, in four rounds.

▶**OBREGON**—Clemente Quijano, 125, defeated veteran Pedro "Paticas-Chuecas" Garcia, 129, who visited the canvas by five times. Indio Geronimo, 145, stopped Esteban Ruiz, 148, in the fifth round.

▶**TEPIC**—Mar Castellanos, 134, decisioned Cisco Kid, 135, in ten rounds.

▶**OBREGON**—Everardo Armenta, 158, Sonora State big hitter, outscored Federico Payan, 153, in ten rounds. Pancho Cansino, 143, stopped Tony Lopez Smith, 138, in four.

▶**VERACRUZ**—Souvenir Nite and plenty of moth over the canvas! Yes sir! The Veracruz fans saw 'that" dear old timer again, when Don Luis Villanueva Paramo, better known as Kid Azteca, weighing 160, stopped Alfonso Malacara, 158, in only one round. Of course, Don Luis used his famous midsection left hook to finish the job. As you can see, Kid Azteca will be in Nat Fleischer's GREAT BOOK for a lot of years more. Rest of the card: Tomas Lopez, 150, kayoed Justino Lopez, 148, in the third round and super veterans Luis Castillo, 130, and Ernesto Aguilar, 135, drew after six heats full of moth.

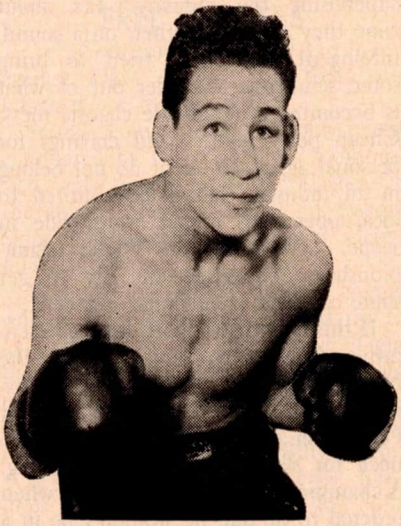
▶**MONTERREY**—"Chico" Jasso, 112, kayoed Mauro Miranda, 111, in the eighth round of their scheduled tenner. Timoteo Sanchez, 132, halted Jose de la Cerda, 130, in five.

▶**GUADALAJARA**—Gildo "Paton" Montoya, 134, Lightweight Champ of Jalisco State, upset experienced Humberto Martinez "Kid Anahuac", 132, in ten rounds. "Paton" (clumsy-footed) floored the veteran for a short count. Ramon "Texan" Hurtado, 148, kayoed Luis Zuniga, 147, in the sixth round.

▶**MAZATLAN**—Juanito Ramirez, 125, National Feather Champion and high ranked among RING ten best, scored a 6-round knockout over Melchor Contreras, 127. The defeated one visited the canvas by two times.

▶**ACAPULCO**—Fidencio Ramirez, 134, decisioned Adolfo Olguin, 136, in ten rounds. "Zorrito" Castanon, 126, held Ernesto Beltran, 127, to an 8-round draw.

▶**CULIACAN**—Ignacio "Zurdo" Pina, 118, floored 3 times Billy Peacock, 122, and he finally knocked out The Pea in the third round. Delfino "Fino" Rosales, 126, got a very booed ten round duke over "Chiquis" Rosales, 128, Acapulco.



Kid Azteca, the ancient Warrior, who started off his thirty-third consecutive year of professional fighting with a one round kayo victory Azteca has now moved into a tie with Bob Fitzsimmons for fourth place on the all-time list of longevity of boxers.

▶**OAXACA**—Alberto Martinez, 125, whipped Fili Ascencio, 124, in ten rounds.

▶**TOLUCA**—Tolucan Ernesto Barrera, 114, National Flyweight Champion, easily whipped former champ Nacho Escalante, 116, in ten rounds. "Calaco" Leon, 127, decisioned Eduardo Duran, 126, in other tenner. Arturo Macias, 148, halted Pedro Pena, 147, in the second round.

▶**MONTERREY**—Clever Cuban Santiago Ramirez, 135, kayoed Tony Lopez, 137, in the eighth round. Cuban San floored his foe by four times. Panchito Villa II, 126, outpointed Guillermo "Memo" Ruiz, 128, after ten rounds.

▶**GUADALAJARA**—Alberto Martinez, 125, kayoed Antonio "Tono" Gutierrez, 129, in the fifth heat. Alfredo Sanchez, 125, bested Heliodoro Hernandez, 126, in ten rounds.

▶**OAXACA**—Ray Ruiz, 118, started a comeback campaign and kayoed Herbert Miller, 119, Belize, B. H., in eight rounds. "Osito" Galvan, 116, stopped "Toro" Martinez, 117, in the fifth heat of the scheduled 10-round semifinal.

▶**ACAPULCO**—Rigo Guadarrama "Queretaro Kid", 127, kayoed Adrian Rojas, 126, in the last round of their scheduled tenner. "Charrito" Gomez, 122, stopped Alfonso Bonilla, 123, in the eighth round.

▶**MEXICALI**—Local idol, Hector Agundez, 117, easily whipped Evaristo "Cuervo" Salinas, 116, in ten rounds. Andres Garcia, 135, stopped "Dinamita" Rojas, 133, in the fifth heat.

▶**MONCLOVA**—Raymundo "Battling" Torres, 147, took an easy one when he kayoed "Ranchero" Ruiz, 149, in only three rounds. "Gallito" Gonzalez, 128, surprised the fans when he halted David Rodriguez Zapata, 129, in the eighth heat.

▶**REYNOSA**—Panchito Saldivar, 119, Monterrey clever boy, outscored "Gallito" Ramirez, 124, in ten rounds.

▶**MONTERREY**—The best little card in Northern Mexico, Carlos Hernandez, 117, scored a clean cut decision triumph over experienced Filipino Florencio Olpiendo who is listed on the books as "Danny Kid", 118, in ten fast rounds. Carlos floored the Danny Kid one time to nailed his triumph. In the 10-round semifinal, Chuy Rodriquez Espinosa, 119, decisioned "Changa" Magallanes, 117, stablemate of Danny Kid and also a pupil of my friend Larry Soto of Los Angeles. Manuel Martinez, 125, stopped Luis Lopez, 127, in the eighth round.

▶**GUADALAJARA**—Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 145, upset Lude Lightburn, 142, Belize, B. H., in ten rounds. Cota floored his foe one time for a short count. Ramon "Texan" Hurtado, 145, got the 10-round duke over Juan Prieto, 141.

▶**OBREGON**—Rudy Corona, 124, the husky cowboy, stopped Joe Valdez, 126, in the sixth round. Tony Lopez Smith, 137, kayoed Mark Serrato, 136, in the second heat.

▶**OAXACA**—Luis "Indio" Conde, 133, won by disqualification over Mar Castellanos, 135, in the fifth round. Raciel Mendoza, 121, whipped Rafael Ayala, 119, in ten.

▶**ACAPULCO**—"Chivette" Martinez, 113, stopped Bernardo Perez, 111, Puebla, in six rounds. "Chilango" Gomez, 112, halted Nacho Duran, 115, in the seventh heat.

▶**OAXACA**—Mario Diaz, 125, the clever Jalisco feather, scored a 5-round kayo triumph over Manny Sanchez, 126.

▶**MEXICALI**—Monterrey Joe Lopez, 125, went out of his town, decisioned "Cuate" Sanchez, 124, in ten rounds. Jose Macias, 159, San Diego, kayoed Jose de la Rosa, 160, Monterrey, in only three rounds.

▶**TOLUCA**—The Wild Indian is back in his home town! Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 126, scored a really valuable triumph when he kayoed young Manuel Esparza, 125, in seven rounds. Esparza, a rough feather, visited the canvas by three times. Before the finish, the Mexico City featherweight was well ahead on points but Señor Toluco has the punch to reverse all the situations.

▶**GUADALAJARA**—Alberto Martinez, 125, bested Lauro Garcia, 125, Feather Champ of Guerrero State, in ten rounds. Henry Macias, 127, whipped Gabriel Brambila, 126, during the full 10-round route.

▶**ACAPULCO**—Roberto SanMartin, 119, bested Antonio Jimenez, 118, in ten rounds. "Pollero" Garcia, 124, outpointed Eduardo Miranda, 126, in other tenner..

▶**MONTERREY**—Ray Ruiz, 118, bested Sabino Mendez, 120, a real cute one, in ten rounds. In the 10-round semifinal of the same card: Nicho Gonzalez, 127, decisioned Pedro Zamora, 128.

▶**NUEVO LAREDO**—Julio Zuñiga, 128, outpointed Rigo Guadarrama or "Queretaro Kid", 129, in ten rounds. Jose de la Cerda, 130, also decisioned Alejandro Neri, 130, in the other tenner.

▶**OBREGON**—Epigmenio "Pimi" Barajas Jiminez, 124, and Juan Olivarez, 126, butt each other and the referee stopped the party to declare a 2-round technical draw. In the 10-round semifinal, Francisco "Pancho" Cancia or Cansino, 140, easily whipped Ramon Mayoral, 137.

▶**OAXACA**—"Ventarron" Mendoza, 135, kayoed Miguel Sánchez, 132, in the fifth heat. The winner floored his foe four times before the finish. In the 10-round semifinal, "Cubanito" Gonzalez, 129, got the duke over Pedro Mariscal, 130.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA

By Simon Bronenburg and Alfredo Porzio

▶**TEMPERLEY** — Ubaldino Escobar outpointed Efren Veloza in a lightweight ten. Carlos Cappella decisioned Pablo Cardenas in a featherweight eight.

▶**RIO CUARTO**—Argentine bantam champion Ricardo Morena drew in a non-title ten with Nildo Peralta.

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Middleweight Andres Selpa kayoed Ramon Tapia of Chile in the fourth.

▶**CORDOBA**—Pedro Benelli halted Nildo Peralta in the sixth of a lightweight match.

▶**POSADAS**—Isidoro Silvera dropped a decision to Sixto Figueroa in a bantam ten.

▶**FUERTE GENERAL ROCA**—Rogelio Andre outfought Roque Alaniz in a lightweight ten.

▶**CATAMARCA**—Lightweight Dardo Brizuela decisioned Kid Characato in ten.

▶**SUNCHALES**—A welterweight bout between Aldo Gomez and Luis Aranda ended in the fourth with Gomez winning on a disqualification. Aranda was a winner in the Pan-American games in Chicago in 1959 and an Argentine representative in the Rome Olympics in 1960.

▶**ROSARIO** — Lightweights Deolidio Sosa and Humberto Figueredo drew in ten.

▶**ARRECIFES** — South American feather champion Ricardo Gonzalez outpointed Alves D'Acosta in ten.

▶**MENDOZA**—Francisco Sotelo and Ignacio Magallanes drew in a welter ten.

▶**PARANA** — Light-heavyweight Antonio Diaz outpointed Pablo Sagrispanti in ten.

▶**LA PLATA**—Omar Peppi won by a t.k.o. from Julio Vargas in the third round of a welterweight bout.

▶**TUCUMAN**—Welterweights Juan Carlos Velardez and Roberto Chetta drew in a welter ten.

▶**MENDOZA**—Pedro Quiroga kayoed Miguel Perez in the second of a welter bout.

▶**VILLA MERCEDES** — Rodolfo Loza stopped Carlos Calderon in the fourth of a bantam match.

▶**TEMPERLEY**—Jose Manzur, No. 1 in the Argentine light-heavyweight rankings, halted Justo Benitez in the first.

▶**SANTA ROSA**—Hugo Danielle, promising local middleweight, drew in ten with Armando Sosa.

▶**MENDOZA**—Ramon Rivaro stopped Antonio Nardiello in the sixth of a welterweight meeting.

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Esteban Caprani outpointed Juan Carlos Rivero in a middleweight ten.

▶**LA PLATA**—Ex-feather champion of Argentina Manuel Alvarez, now fighting as a lightweight, whipped Juan Campos in ten.
▶**MENDOZA** — Argentine middle champion Farid Salim outpointed Alfredo Yacanto in a non-title ten.
▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Fine local feather prospect Roberto Palavecino won from Ernesto Martinsen in ten.
▶**LA PLATA**—Argentine and South American welter champion, and highly rated in world ratings, Luis Federico Thompson kayoed Alfredo Navarro in the second. Ernesto Juarez outpointed Alberto Rotondo in a lightweight eight.
▶**CORDOBA**—Argentine and South American light champion, Jaime Gine, was held to a draw by Hugo Juarez in a non-title ten.
▶**MENDOZA** — Argentine middle champion Farid Salim won in ten from Luis Toledo.
▶**TEMPERLEY**—Unbeaten flyweight Miguel A. Botta won by a t.k.o. over Hurbieta Sosa, and lightweight Abel Laudonio, in his first pro bout, kayoed Oscar Lencina in the third. Botta and Laudonio competed in the Pan-American Games in Chicago in 1959 and represented the Argentine in the Rome Olympics in 1960.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF ALL THE FIGHTS WHICH WERE STAGED AT MEXICO CITY DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1961:
▶Antonio Aguirre, 127, decisioned Marinerito Celis, 127, in 10. Rafael Anaya, 116, drew with Marceliano Diaz, 118, in 8. Aurelio Zarate, 112, stopped Victor Aguilar, 114, in 4. Daniel Valdez, 119, defeated Felix Hernandez, 119, in six, by disqualification. Chino Mora, 115, beat Raul Tigre Mendoza, 111, in 6.
▶Tacuba Hernandez, 118, stopped Alex Jimenez, 119, in 2. Jorge Ceja, 127, stopped Miguel Rojas, 130, in 3. Panchito Ramirez, 126, stopped Manuel Galvez, 124, in 2. Goyo Torres, 108, decisioned Dimas Colin, 112, in 6. Romualdo Tejeda, 127, stopped Antonio Barron, 128, in 4.
▶Lauro Garcia, 126, decisioned Pachuco Reyes, 127, in 10. Jose Chavez, 119, defeated Isidro Morales, 118, in 4, by disqualification. Fallo Altamirano, 126, decisioned Tribilin Duarte, 125, in 6. David Monroy, 110, won from Luis Lujano, 109, in 6. Herminio Ceja, 118, decisioned Francisco Segura, 116, in 4.
▶Jorge Gutierrez, 133, defeated Sergio Gomez, 134, in 4, by disqualification. Miguel Paredes, 118, beat Gallito II, 118, in 8. Pedro Zapata, 118, decisioned Gelasio Perez, 118, in 6. Antonio Paniagua, 112, stopped Francisco Chavez, 111, in 2. Alberto Campillo, 124, won from Gato Muñez, 123, in 4.
▶Cisco Martinez, 138, defeated Antonio Sanchez, 134, in 10. Genaro Gonzalez, 125, decisioned Victor Adame, 126, in 8. Gustavo Jardon, 109, stopped Carlos Razo, 112, in 5. Luis Silva, 135, beat Javier Trejo, 130, in 6. Pascual Mendez, 135, stopped Luis Galindo, 134, in 2.
▶Guillermo Tellez, 118, decisioned Juan Ibares, 118, in 10. Luis Jimenez, 111, stopped Jaime Perez, 111, in 5. Fili Hernandez, 119, decisioned Jorge Camacho, 118, in 6. Panchito Ramirez, 127, stopped Teo Roman, 129, in 4. Angel Delgado, 128, stopped Arturo Vazquez, 123, in 2.
▶Chocolate Rodriguez, 112, stopped Lolo Messen, 112, in 8. Raul del Olmo, 118, stopped Enrique Garcia, 117, in 2. Porfirio Buendia, 126, decisioned Valentin Medina, 125, in 6. Norberto Contreras, 126, stopped Negro Alfaro, 125, in 5. Alfonso Lugo, 118, beat Rogelio Aguilar, 118, in 4.
▶Jose Medel, 118, and Hiram Bacallao, 116, from Cuba, drew in 10. Angel Ley, 119, stopped Miguel Paredes, 119, in 9. Amado Baños, 136, decisioned Vicente Vazquez, 134, in 6. Chabelo Mejia, 112, decisioned Boticario Reyes, 113, in 6. Jose Jiminez, 119, decisioned Pajarito Corona, 117, in 4.

BOXING IN PUERTO RICO
By Mario Rivera

IN THE SPORTSWRITERS' FRATERNITY benefit boxing program at the Sixto Escobar Stadium lightweight Rafael Navarro, Puerto Rico was lucky to get a draw with Hector "Chino" Diaz in ten exciting heats. Ex-fighter Siso Lizardi showed wise judgment in casting his vote for Diaz but was overruled by the two judges who voted for a draw.

The semifinal ten round event between lightweights Daniel Berrios and Teo Cruz was halted abruptly in the second round when an accidental foul by Cruz prompted referee Daniels to award the fight to Berrios on a foul. A left to the groin by Cruz dropped Berrios in apparent pain but from this corner it seemed that if Berrios would have been given enough time to recuperate the fight could have continued. Short and stocky ex-bantamweight Golden Gloves Champ Luis Figueroa who is now a feather weight impressed the judges with his seventh round knockdown over Lionel Rivera and was awarded an undeserved eight round decision over his rival.

Bantamweight Antonio Castanon took the nod from hard hitting Emilio Roman to even the score. Featherweight Ismael Nunez made his pro debut a successful one by outpointing Angel Luis Velazquez in four rounds. 3,242 fans paid $7,248.30 to see this show.

Ponce, P. R.—Montaner Stadium. Middleweight Jose Torres' debut in his home town was a complete flop when a scarce audience was on hand to witness his four round kayo over Gene Hamilton. Despite his long layoff Torres appeared to be in fine shape and took command from the very start. Referee Colon-Garcia wisely called a halt in the fourth after Hamilton had been dropped twice.

A BLAST AT PRO BOXING IN PUERTO RICO.

Pro boxing in this island is at its lowest ebb in its history and beyond a shadow of a doubt on its way out unless certain corrective measures are taken to take it out of its present rut.

When conditions have gotten to the point where their is no control over the fans whatsoever and they are able to crowd and stand around the ring obstructing the view of ringside seat holders and when conditions have gotten to the point that a fighter is out cold in a ring and no stretcher is available to move him and a referee stops a fight because of an unintentional foul as an example of the many poor decisions that have been rendered recently and four or five seconds working in each corner instead of two and a referee permitting fighters to slip in pools of water in each corner instead of ordering them cleaned . . . when conditions have reached this point I think that it is time that corrective measures be taken or that the sport be banned permanently.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By Dr. J. A. Vieites

FACTS & RUMORS: World's welterweight champion, Benny Kid Paret, lost a questionable decision in an overweight tenner to Indian Gaspar Ortega in L. A. Calif. . . . Isaac Logart went to Paris and although he downed their welter king Hippolyte Anexx, only got a draw also . . . Cuban feather king, undefeated Ultiminio (Sugar) Ramos, No. 2 in The RING Ratings, went again to Panama and this time he stopped Edwin Sykes in 2.58 of the 4th.

HAVANA: Former light king, Chico Morales, 135¼ won easily in ten from Tony Padron, 132½, Venezuela's Feathers champ.

Vicente Reyes, 160, won in 8 from Marcelino Gonzalez, 159¾. Juan Fernandez, won in 6 from Ramon Ferrer; Cristobal Zaragonza won in 4 from Rocky Dominguez, while Julio Veitia stopped Israel Napoles in 3.

HAVANA: Light-heavy king, Julio Carrera, 160, was lucky to get a 10 round draw against Baby Colon, 160.

Jesus Gonzalez, 145¾, won in 8 from Pedro Napoles, 146¾.

Jose Cota won in 6 from Mario Ponce.

Luis Uribazo, won in 6 from Luis Regueira (Bantams). Rafel Nicolao won in 4 from Rolando Castro; Orlando Hernandez won in 4 from Rigo Sanchez.

HAVANA: Pastor (Tano) Marrero, 128½, undefeated promising boy, became No. 1 Contender to Sugar Ramos' Feathers title, scoring a spectacular 2 round k.o. over Chico Veliz, 127½.

Chino Almeida, 127, won in 8 from Roberto Ruiz, 127.

Rolando Perez, k.o.'d Aurelio Valladares.

Augustin Carmona, 119, stopped Roberto Cordero, 119, in 2.

Baby Louis, stopped Roberto Castro in 2; while Lulu Pinera stopped Luis Romaguera, also in 2.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

RODOLFO (TITO) MARSHALL, 134, Panama gained the verdict over Chato Gomez, 134 of Mexico in the featured ten rounder on the card promoted by Carlos Guevara in the National Gym in Panama City.

In the eight round semi-final, Roberto Del Cid, 125 pulled off an upset by outpointing Patrocina Allen, 127. In fours: Ismael Laguna, 120 defeated Javier Valle, 118 and Leopoldo Campbell, 118, won a split decision over Humberto Trottman, 116.

The local fans got quite a shock on the show at the National Gym promoted by Lin-Duncan when Hector Hicks, ranked among the world contender by THE RING was soundly trounced in a fast and furious ten rounder by Enrique Hitchman, Cuban bantamweight champion.

Hicks who scaled 122¾ to 120¾ for the visitor was floored three times and was saved from a knockout by the bell at the end of the third round. The decision in favor of Hitchman was unanimous.

The semi-final paired Rolando Ruiz, 124 and Roy Best, 128½. Near the end of the third round the referee stopped the bout and ruled no contest as he felt neither was putting forth their best efforts. In fours Carlos Real, 109½, beat Marcos Lane, 111 and Alberto Arosemena, 135, was the loser on a unanimous decision to Clyde Thomas, 134.

NEWS FROM VENEZUELA
By William Albert

AT CARACAS—Our good prospect, Jose Antonio Burgos, continued undefeated as pro, defeating Enrique Tovar in 12 rounds. Burgos is now our Welterweight Champion. They weighed: Burgos 147 and Tovar 147.

OTHER STAR BOUT: Promising featherweight Cruz Arvelo, 128, won TKO over Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 129 in eight rounds. Referee halted this bout due to a dangerous cut eye of Medina.

▶**IN THE NUEVO CIRCO**—Promising Julio Viana made a reappearance here drawing with Hector Criollo in ten rounds.

OTHER FIGHTS: Francisco Bolivar, 128, outpointed Euclides Monasterios, 130, in eight rounds. Mario Romero, 127, former Olympic featherweight scored his second victory as pro defeating Ramon Machado in six rounds. Domingo Bastidas, 114, halted Martin Rivas, 113, in two rounds. Juan Sabanelli, 128, outpointed Julian Vasquez, 127, in four.

▶**AT CARACAS**—A card promoted by "Oscariparra", Kenny Lane (USA) and Carlos Hernandez drew in ten furious rounds.

OTHER STAR BOUTS: Minum Ben Ali, ranked as No. 3 in "The Ring" lost with Ramon Arias, 112, in ten rounds. The decision was booed by the fans. Ben Ali was most aggressive in this battle and Arias suffered two cuts around the eyes.

Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 129, scored another important triumph over Jose Castellanos, 128, in ten rounds. Gate: $20,000.

CHICAGO BOXING NEWS
By Joe Diehl

IRVING SCHOENWALD, VETERAN CHICAGO ustic personality succeeded Ben Bentley as matchmaker for Marigold Arena.

Schoenwald has been active in the fight game around Chicago for more than 25 years. He promoted club nights at Marigold as long ago as 1935, and ran his last show there in 1949. After that, he continued until 1955 at Rainbo Arena, another neighborhood fight club.

Promoter Joe Kellman said that Schoenwald will draw no salary but will share equally with him in any profits. Kellman will assume the burden of any losses.

The first 13 shows at Marigold, directed by the Kellman-Bentley combine reportedly showed an average loss of $400 per show. However, Schoenwald is optimistic that the lean days are over, pointing out that about 200 more fans on a weekly basis would be enough to make the house nut.

The first show under the supervision of Schoenwald was encouraging as 1,007 fans turned out to watch two local fighters—Sonny Ray and Chuck Garrett go the ten round distance. The net gate was $1,817.

Garrett who claims to be 26, but looks older than Satchel Paige, gave a boxing lesson to Ray in addition to giving him a solid going over. Chuck entered the ring a 5 to 1 underdog with few takers.

It was said to have been Garrett's first main event, but he fought like a ringwise former champion, making a glorious comeback after a layoff.

Preliminaries: Johnny White, 138½, Chicago, stopped Chucko Alvarado, 139, Monterrey, Mexico, (3); Roger Wakefield, 188, La Crosse, Wisconsin, decisioned Chico Gardner, 190, Chicago, (4); Nat Olphant, 146½, Chicago, and Gene Walker, 148, Chicago, drew, (5), and Lou Bailey, 185, Peoria, and Harvey Jones, 200, Detroit, drew, (5).

▶**RINGSIDE RACKUPS:** The writer has taken out managerial papers on Welterweight Mike Jackson, out of St. Louis. Managers in other cities interested in Jackson's record and background, can reach me: Joe Diehl, at 323 Webster Avenue, Chicago, Phone, Lincoln 9-0681. Can also be reached at Whitehall 4-6000, Extension, 289.

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

RETIRING from boxing after more than a half-century —54 years, to be precise—of virtually continuous service, first as a fighter and a world champion, then as an official of the California State Athletic Commission, Willie Ritchie leaves behind much for this rugged trade to remember.

Of the many colorful tales told of Ritchie, one of the most intriguing is how he hit the Big Time.

Born Gerhardt Steffen, of German extraction, and a native of San Francisco, Ritchie began fighting in 1907, when he was 16. A tough, willing kid, but not overly endowed with ring talent, his activities for four years were limited to four- and six-round bouts. His future didn't appear any too encouraging, but Willie was not one to become discouraged. He had infinite confidence in himself, and it became a regular thing for him to show up at any important lightweight bout in San Francisco or Oakland and challenge the winner.

It reached the stage where the clients didn't consider a lightweight match complete unless Ritchie was there to toss out his usual defi. Willie came in for some good-natured joshing from the fans and the press, who regarded him as a harmless nuisance, but the razzing didn't bother him.

Ritchie's persistency eventually was rewarded when San Francisco promoters decided to give him a chance to prove himself in major competition. He was matched with Matty Baldwin of Boston, one of the topliners in the lightweight division. It was the first time Willie had to travel the 20-round route—the longest he'd previously gone was eight, and he'd done that only once—but the distance didn't faze him. He lost the decision but gave a surprisingly fine account of himself against his highly-rated, ringwise rival.

His showing added fuel to Ritchie's fires of determination, and he began to envision himself scaling the championship heights.

"MADE" HIMSELF AS SUBSTITUTE

On November 30, three months after Ritchie's episode with Baldwin, Champion Ad Wolgast was scheduled to meet his persistent British challenger, Freddie Welsh, in a 20-rounder at the Vernon arena in Los Angeles.

Ritchie decided to make the 500-mile hop from San Francisco to toss his usual challenge at the winner.

The morning of the bout, Wolgast was rushed to the hospital with a sudden attack of appendicitis.

Tom McCarey, the arena's matchmaker, began hunting frantically for a suitable substitute. It was a forlorn task. Locating a prominent lightweight willing to take on the master-craftsman Welsh on such short notice was an impossible assignment.

Ritchie eagerly offered to fill in. Uncle Tom's first reaction was to heave Willie bodily off the premises. Despite the San Franciscan's fine showing against Baldwin, McCarey didn't consider him a suitable opponent for a skilled mechanic like Welsh. Finally, however, the matchmaker was convinced he could do no better, and not wanting to call off the show, he reluctantly agreed to let Ritchie substitute.

The arrangement was quite satisfactory to Welsh, who, like McCarey, figured Ritchie would represent nothing more serious than a pleasant workout.

As it so happened, an inspired Ritchie, making the most of the opportunity, raised plenty of ructious with his illustrious rival. The bout went its full twenty rounds, and Welsh won the decision, but the Britisher needed all his superb skill and ring generalship to outpoint the gritty young Californian.

His unexpectedly fine showing against Welsh definitely established Ritchie with the top-ranking lightweights, and a year later, on November 28, 1912, Willie became world champion by winning from Wolgast in Daly City, a suburb of San Francisco.

Those capricious gods of fistic destiny were in one of their more whimsical moods when they decreed that when Ritchie lost his laurels, it was to the rival at whose expense he had "made" himself as a substitute in Los Angeles. On July 7, 1914, Willie was outpointed by Freddie Welsh in twenty rounds in London.

MORE ABOUT JACK CONNOR

George Chemeris, hustling one-man boxing organization (manager, instructor, gymnasium operator, trainer and occasionally promoter) in and around Seattle, offers some comments on that grand old veteran, Jack Connor, whom we wrote about in these columns last month.

"Yes, it's swell seeing Jack back in action," writes Chemeris. "His return has added some very much needed 'color' to the boxing business. You guessed Jack was 'pushing 80.' Nobody here seems to know exactly how old he is, but the general impression is that you were conservative and Jack actually is well up in the 80s.

"You'd be amazed at the way he handles himself with his young Filipino lightweight, Rudy Garcia. Connor has all the pep of a guy half his age, as he bounces in and out of the ring with his little cap and green sweater.

"It's always interesting to hear Connor talk about the old-timers. Not too long ago he was telling me about Jack Kearns. He first met Kearns in Spokane in 1903, and ran into him again in Butte the next year. Kearns was boxing then, and Connor says he was a good fighter, weighing about 138, and a good puncher, especially with a left hook.

"Boxing in the Northwest is booming again. In Spokane they have Kirk Barrow, who is coming along rapidly as a light-heavyweight. Also Seattle's Eddie Cotton, who has just returned from New Zealand where he whipped two of the world's top-ten light-heavies, Johnny Halafihi and Mike Holt. Cotton can make the middleweight limit, but since the leading 160-pounders have been avoiding him like a plague, he's had to fight bigger opponents.

"Pete Rademacher, of course, is a big favorite out this way. No so long ago he fought in his homn town, Yakima, and with a substitute opponent, who was unknown to the fans, he drew 3,500 fans and receipts of over $10,000. They are talking of bringing in Roy Harris for Rademacher there in an outdoor fight this summer, and if the match is arranged, there is no saying how big it'll draw. It would be a tremendous attraction for that community."

THE month's results:

Getting off to a fast start, maintaining a brisk pace all the way, and making good use of his weight advantage to smother his opponent's rallies, Denny Moyer, 155¾, Portland, Ore., was returned winner over dangerous Charley Scott, 147, Philadelphia, in a sizzling ten in Madison Square Garden.

A busy left hand was Moyer's main weapon of offense, but the Oregonian also did some effective punching with sneak rights and frequent combinations. Danny had some rough moments en route, however, and was much the worse for wear at the finish. His nose bled steadily from the fifth round on, and in the seventh he suffered a messy gash above the right eye. Moyer was bleeding so profusely at the end of the seventh that Commission physician Dr. Harry Kleiman checked him in his corner but decided the damage looked worse than it actually was, and permitted the bout to continue. The bleeding didn't bother Moyer to any noticeable extent. In fact, it seemed to spur him on to more determined efforts, and his strong offensives in the last two rounds make the decision in his favor a certainty.

The semi-final, also scheduled for ten, ended at 1:09 of the fifth when the devastating bombs of Von Clay, 177, Philadelphia, demolished Rodolfo Diaz, 177¾, the Argentine champion who had looked so promising in his New York debut a few weeks previously when he stopped Clarence Floyd at the St. Nicholas Arena.

A pair of Philadelphians, Joe Smith, 154¾, and Dick Turner, 146, slugged to a draw in six. In fours, Frank Narvalez, 134½, Puerto Rico, edged out a fellow-islander, Carlos Quiles, 137½; Julie Libonati, 159¾, Brooklyn, drew with Felix Santiago, 159¼, Puerto Rico; Lew Moses, 176, Harlem, polished off Tommy Hough, 169, Newark, at 2:31 of the first, and Estela Cruz, 131, Puerto Rico, needed only 59 seconds of one round to dispose of another islander, Nino Malave, 132. The attendance looked about 2,500.

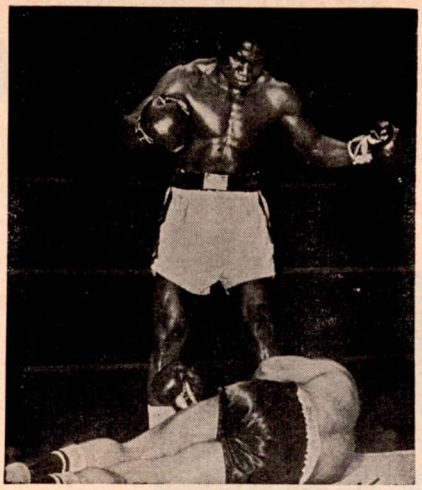
His affair with Tommy Tibbs at the St. Nicholas Arena was in the nature of a "homecoming" for Paolo Rosi, transplanted Italian. Although living in the Bronx since his arrival here in 1952, Rosi hadn't been seen in a local ring in three years. Of his ten bouts in that time, seven had been in California; the others were single hops to Syracuse, Washington and Chicago.

The balding, 32-year-old veteran, weighing 135¾, celebrated his return to local action by winning in ten from Tibbs, 134½, Boston, but he had to hustle all the way to stay in front of his scrappy opponent, who set his usual fast pace with aggressive, free-swinging tactics. It was Rosi's harder and more accurate punching that decided the issue, but late in the bout it looked as though the Italian's old "bugaboo," gashed eyebrows, would overhaul him again. An old wound opened over his right eye in the seventh, but fortunately for him the damage didn't become too serious.

The defeat halted Tibbs' winning skein at seven, and sent the busy Bostonian's lifetime average below the .500 mark again, with 53 losses against 52 wins. Three other bouts resulted in draws. Not yet 27, and beginning his twelfth year of professional campaigning, his total of 108 bouts to date has established Tibbs as one of the most industrious fighters the ring has produced in this era of dwindling activity.

Greatest Crawford, 164, Brooklyn, stopped Mel Fulgham, 162, Delbarton, W. Va., at 0:33 of the semi-final, scheduled for six. In fours, Walter Daniels, 148, Harlem, outpointed Tony Fortunato, 148½, Bronx; Herschel Jacobs, 165, New Rochelle, won from Joe Marcellone, 169, Paterson, N. J.; Jimmy McMillan, 162, Bronx, decisioned Tommy Settles, 158¾, Jamaica, L. I., and Tabby Lee, 135, Pittsburgh, won from Larue Sherman, 138, Jersey City. Attendance 1,388; gross receipts $2,717.41.

Strengthening his claim for recognition in the scramble for the disputed world middleweight championship, Dick Tiger, 158¾, Nigerian holder of the British Empire title, battered his way to a ninth-round knockout of Gene (Ace) Armstrong, 158½, Elizabeth, N. J., in Madison Square Garden.



British Empire Middleweight Champion Dick Tiger completes his "cycle of three" against Gene Ace Armstrong. After having previously taken two decisions from Armstrong, Tiger ended the series by knocking Gene out in the ninth round in Madison Square Garden.

The "hex" that Tiger exerted over Armstrong—the Nigerian had previously won decisions in Camden and Chicago for the only defeats in Gene's professional career—was in devastating form in this third meeting.

Using speed and a snappy left jab, Armstrong did well enough for two rounds, but Tiger cornered him in the third, slugged him with a savage body assault, then shifted to the chin and a blasting left hook sent Gene toppling to the canvas for eight. After that it was no contest. Tiger stalked and Armstrong retreated. In the sixth Tiger rapped a vicious right to the body. Armstrong doubled up, turned his back on his opponent, and stumbled to his corner as though claiming foul. Referee Ruby Goldstein started to count over him but Armstrong suddenly resumed activity. (It developed that Gene was not claiming foul; the punch had damaged one of his ribs and after the bout he went to a hospital for X-Rays and overnight observation.)

The finish came midway through the ninth. Tiger's rugged bombardment sent Armstrong tumbling to the canvas again. He staggered up at nine and reeled on rubbery legs toward his own corner. At this point Goldstein stepped in and called a halt. Time of round: 1:21.

Billy Pickett, 156, Harlem, outpointed Billy Harper, 156, Washington, D. C., in the semi-final six. Frank Olivera, 151, Bronx, and Jimmy Lynn, 151, Newark, N. J., drew in another six. In fours, Mario Todisco, 146½, Bronx, won from Johnny Blessas, 146, New Brunswick, N. J.; Roland Kellem, 132, Harlem, decisioned Marcus Morales, 131, Puerto Rico, and Angel Coloncito, 122, Puerto Rico, stopped Eddie Gorman, 126, Paterson, N. J., at 2:14 of the fourth. Despite foggy, rainy weather, the attendance looked about 2,000.

Meeting stiffer opposition than had been generally expected, Jackie Donnelly, 135½, Buffalo, squeezed through to a split decision over Chico Velez, 136, West Side, in a scrambling ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Velez would have made it even more difficult for Donnelly had he not been bothered from the second round on by blood oozing from a cut over his left eye. Three times during the bout Commission physician Dr. Harry Kleiman hopped into Velez's corner to check the damage but decided it was not serious enough to call a halt. Donnelly won on aggressiveness and harder hitting, but lanky Velez, with his defensive boxing and two-fisted flurries, was a difficult problem for the Buffalo Irishman. Judge Marvin Goldberg thought Velez had done enough to warrant a draw, but he was outvoted by Referee Morris Goodman and the other judge, Fred Brunelli, who scored for Donnelly.

A co-featured ten was cancelled when the Commission decided that welterweight Julie Jamison of Wappinger Falls, N. Y., a short-notice substitute for ailing Johnny Gorman, was not a suitable opponent for New Rochelle's wild-swinging southpaw, Ronnie Cohen. Some 150 of Cohen's followers were refunded their admission. Two preliminary bouts were added to the card to replace the cancelled ten. In one, scheduled for six but staged after the main event and reduced to four, Harold Richardson, 150, Harlem, outpointed Frank Sallee, 152½, Cleveland. In other numbers, all fours, Johnny Tucker, 159, Brooklyn, won from a borough rival, Don Turner, 161; Johnny Parks, 146¼, Brooklyn, decisioned James Payne, 146¼, West Side; Tony Labarbara, 133, Buffalo, halted Davey Ross, 131, Hempstead, L. I., at 2:18 of the fourth and Rickey Ortiz, 146½, Puerto Rico, polished off Jimmy Dorsey, 147, Atlanta, Ga., at 2:04 of the third. No official figures were realized, but the attendance looked about 1,100 and the gate receipts about $2,000.

Less than four and a half years before, a youngster came flashing out of Philadelphia to become an immediate sensation in New York. "Another Ray Robinson" was the enthusiastic endorsement of the critics. Built like Robinson, and with speed, form and punching power reminscent of Ray's, it was only natural that he's be tagged with the same "Sugar" label as the illustrious ringster he resembled so closely.

But tempus does fugit. In the same St. Nicholas Arena where he'd celebrated his New York debut in such auspicious fashion, Garnet (Sugar) Hart, 159½, reached the dismal end of his once promising fistic trail. A faded veteran at the comparatively youthful age of 25, Hart was brutally battered by Ted Wright, 153¼, Detroit, before Referee Barney Felix halted the carnage at the close of the ninth round. The referee acted on the recommendation of Commission physician Dr. Harry Kleiman. A "badly lacerated mouth" was the medico's official reason, but it was more than that. Hart had taken a savage lacing and it was only gameness and instinct that carried him as far as he went.

Wright set a fast pace from the start, and Hart no longer had the speed to match it. Time and again Wright crowded him against the ropes and into corners and pummelled him almost at will. In his occasional desperate flurries, Hart managed to connect with solid punches but they lacked their once potent power and failed to bother Wright.

Tito Velez, 154½, Brooklyn, decisioned Johnny Torres, 152¾, Patterson, N. J., in the semi-final six. In another scheduled six, reduced to four, Claude Chapman, 190½, Boston, outpointed Sam Jones, 201½, Detroit. In regular fours, Lucius Benson, 157, West Side, won from John Cobb, 162, Harlem; Herschel Jacobs, 165, White Plains, whipped Joe Barcellona, 170½, Paterson, and Walter Daniels, 149½, West Side, disposed of Tony Fortunato, 147, Bronx, at 2:05 of the first. Attendance 1,394; gross receipts $2,346.57.

Stronger and more durable, Alex Miteff, 208½, Argentina, was a winner over Alonzo Johnson, 191½, Pittsburgh, in a ten that began at a hectic pace, then slowed down into a pulling and hauling affair at St. Nicholas Arena.

The first three sessions were fought at a furious clip. In the opening canto, Johnson drove Miteff to the ropes and both rivals fell out of the ring. Early in the second Miteff dropped Johnson with a left hook to the chin. Later in the round the Argentino suffered a nasty gash on his scalp from a head-on collision. During the round he also was cut under his left eye and a "mouse" appeared under the right one. In the third Miteff scored heavily with left hooks to the body and Johnson began to fade.

From then on the bout was a messy mauling affair. Referee Johnny Colan was constantly separating the rivals. Johnson was warned several times for holding and butting, and Miteff was penalized the fourth round for hitting low.

Billy Daniels, 183½, Jamaica, was too heavy for Tommy Sims, 172, Houston, Tex., in the semi-final six. In a brief but exciting four, Lou Segarra, 186¼, Bronx, and Donald Hobson, 189, Cleveland, took turns knocking each other down in the first, and Segarra ended matters by flattening Hobson at 1:21 of the second. In other fours, Carlos Quiles, 139, Puerto Rico, outpointed Jack Matesic, 141, Pittsburgh; Teddy Pagan, 160½, Bronx, decisioned Sigmund Wortherly, 160, Harlem, and Julie Libonati, 157, Brooklyn, drew with Felix Santiago, 159½, Puerto Rico. Attendance, one of the best of the season at St. Nick's, was 1,469; box-office business $2,887.84.

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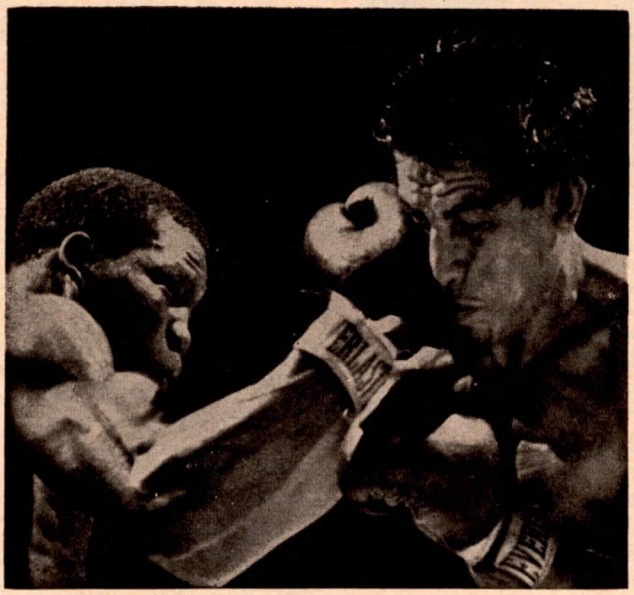
IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER



World welterweight champion Benny Paret of Cuba lands a solid right to the head of Mexico's Gaspar Ortega during their ten round non-title bout at Los Angeles's Olympic. Paret, slow at a heavy 154½, dropped a unanimous decision to the busy Tijuana scrapper, the second time that Gaspar has defeated Benny. The fight was a good warm-up though for Paret's title defense against Emile Griffith.

MY good friend Smiling Joe Lyou has taken over the boxing chores at the L.A. MIRROR, since John Hall has been assigned to cover the new American League team, the Angels. It takes a good man to supplant Hall—but Joe Lyou IS a good man, so all's well along the Potomac.

One of Lyou's first stories dealt with Bill Nieder, the Olympic shot-put champ who decided to turn to the ring. Nieder is 6-3, weighs 243 but said he'll get down to 220. When he makes his ring debut, probably in Reno, he has hopes of cutting that down to 215. Nieder's amateur experience: six fights, six wins, all by kayo. A graduate of the University of Kansas, Bill was an all-around athlete; high-jumped 6-1, ran the hundred in 10 flat. He has bowled a high game of 224.

In a word, Frank Merriwell come to life again.

▶ Art Ryon of the TIMES writes entertainingly about Howie Steindler, who operates the Main Street Gym in L.A. Howie got his start at the Henry Street Settlement House in New York at the age of 14, as an amateur. At 18 he became a manager and trainer, and he has been in and around boxing ever since. He's now 56, and maintains one of the cleanest gyms in the land.

▶ L. C. Morgan, 142½, won the unanimous 12-round decision over Willie Morton, 146½, at the Olympic Auditorium L.A. It was Morgan's fourth straight win at the downtown arena. This was non-televised.

In the TV ten, Emilio Flores, 134½ easily triumphed over Johnny Shaw, 129½. The prelims, all televised: Mike Coronado, 146, dec. Earl Bastings in the 6-round semi. The fours: Johnny Newman, 147½, dec. Al Grant, 142; Beto Maldonado, 127, drew with John Glasgow, 126½.

Let me swipe a line from Mel Durslag's entertaining column in the L.A. EXAMINER after he interviewed Archie Moore. When Mel asked Archie about fighting Harold Johnson in defense of his light-heavyweight title, "Moore's mandible dropped", to quote Durslag.

"Johnson!" he said, unbelievingly. "Why, we've already fought five times. We know each other's moves like Veloz and Yolanda."

▶ The A.P. carried the story, hence some readers must have seen it. Norman Letcher, Los Angeles heavy, was fighting Zora Foley in Phoenix. In the 5th round, Norman "retired". He wasn't hurt and had not been too badly outclassed.

Later, in the dressing-room, mystified reporters asked him why.

"No guts", replied Letcher, calmly. "I don't have the temperament to be a fighter, I guess."

(We guess so, too.)

▶ Joltin' Johnny (Bad News) Smith, 154½, scored his 8th straight knockout at the Olympic Auditorium by scoring a one-round kayo over Roman (Buffalo) Hernandez, 161½, and thereby won for himself a brand new automobile. It was the gift of Al Wise, who shares the ownership of Smith's contract with Calvin Woods. Wise made the promise in 1959. Smith is now the state middlewight champ. This was the non-TV fight.

In the televised portion: Tony Herrera, 124, racked up his 18th straight win at the expense of Henry Nieto, 126½, San Francisco. It was a split verdict.

Frank Bradbury, 146½, and Billy Walker, 149½ battled to a draw in the six-round semi. The fours: Johnny Glasgow, 128, dec. Al Rocha, 126½; and Charles Robinson, 130, dec. Ed Edwards, 135.

▶ Don Jordan, former welter champ, was finally granted a license by the State Athletic Commission. He had been unlicensed in this state since 1959. Oddly enough, Jordan got his license in the morning; that evening, the man who deprived him of the 147-lb. title Benny (Kid) Paret was slated to box Gaspar Ortega over national TV. More of this anon.

▶ In the non-televised feature at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A., Jesse Jones, 145½, won a split decision over Kid Rayo, Managua, Nicaragua, 147½ in an excellent scrap. Referee Frankie Van called it a draw, but Judges Joey Olmos and John Thomas voted for Jones, 7-3 and 4-3 respectively. No knockdowns, but plenty of hard punching. Rayo finished strong, but lagged somewhat in the earlier rounds.

The TV ten didn't last long. Gene Johns of New York, 160, erased Tony Montano, 161½, in the second heat. A left hook and right cross combo turned the trick Johns:. It opened a deep gash over Montano's left eye, and the club medic, Dr. Jack Unseem, recommended stoppage. Referee John Thomas agreed.

Rich McDowell, 178, was decisive victor over Irish Roy Smith, 185, in the six-round semi. The fours: Al Grant, 142, dec. Joe White, 144; and Beto Maldonado, 133, dec. Alfonso Miranda, 135.

▶ Since it was nationally televised, most readers of The Ring probably saw Gaspar Ortega, 149½, win the unanimous decision over world welter champ Benny Kid Paret, 154½ (a welterweight?) at the Olympic Auditorium, so we'll merely touch on the highlights.

Ortega was 3-1 underdog, somewhat surprising in view of the fact that he had trounced the champ in an earlier meeting. Not blacked out locally, the match drew a crowd estimated at 3,500, a gate of $6,125.

The verdict was unanimous. Referee Jimmy Wilson scored it 4-3; Judge Dick Young 5-3, and Judge Frankie Van 6-4, all by the screwy California 5-point system. The fight itself was interesting throughout, a real slugfest.

Two sixes preceded the main event. Edmond Edwards, 134, stopped Kiki Berrios, 137½, in the fifth; and Ernie Cuadres, 136½, dec. Earl Bastings, 139½. The four-round opener: Lorenzo Thomas, 162, drew with Jerry Holt, 158½.

▶ Matchmaker George Parnassus began talking about a rematch for the title but it appears that Paret is booked to meet Emile Griffiths first, at Miami Beach.

▶ Tall, talented Alejandro Lavorante of Argentina, 204½, was lazing along with big Duke Subedong of Honolulu, 226½, at the Olympic Auditorium, when suddenly he got real mad in the 5th round, set up the Duke with a smashing right, and followed with a left hook-right cross combo that laid him low for the full count. The time, 58 seconds. This was the off-TV fight. On hand, about 2,000.

Until the kayo, the scrap was nothing on which to waste fancy adjectives.

A better fight was the ten-round televised go between Pulga Serrano and Ray Salazar, featherweights.

Serrano, 128, had a sizeable heft advantage over Salazar, 122½, and made good use of it to score the unanimous verdict. A few of Pulga's fellow-townsmen from Tijuana came up for the fight. They were not disappointed.

Referee Joey Olmos tabbed it 5-3; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 8-2 and Judge Jack McDonald, 6-3.

In the six-round semi, Gabriel Hernandez, 131½, scored two knockdowns to cinch the verdict over Ed Edwards, 130. The four-rounders: Alfonso Miranda, 128½, TKO (3) over Jose Valdivia, 125½, and Al Grant, 141, KO (1) over Questa Walker, also 141.

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lew Eskin

FORMER WORLD LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT KING GUS LESNEVICH of Cliffside Park was honored as New Jersey's "Man of the year" in Boxing by the NJ Boxing writer's Assn. at their fourth annual Dinner . . . Gus who along with his twin ex-heavyweight champion Jim Braddock of North Bergen, go all over the east to visit hospitals, and attend social functions where their presence is always welcome and wanted they do a fine good-will job for boxing and the award to Lesnevich was one that was richly deserved.

A new boxing club will open up during the month of April in State Gardens' Union City, under the promotional hand of Englewood Cliff's sportsman Jimmy Colotto. Colotto, long associated with boxing in Hudson County will be making debut as a promoter but his long experience should make this venture a success.

TRENTON . . . Another standing room only crowd of over 1,000 were on hand as localite Mel Collins, 157¾ eked out a booed call over Jimmy Hopkins, 160¾, of Philadelphia in an action filled contest. Referee Joey Harrison scored it 5-4-1 for Collins calling the sixth round even. Jimmy finished strong taking three of the last four rounds and appeared entitled to the verdict.

Jay Bee, 199¾, Trenton scored another impressive kayo win as he blasted out Jim Wiley, 207 in 2.00 of the sixth as referee Mickey Greb halted the contest.

Tom Lowery, 129¼, Phila. continued his fine local showings as he easily defeated Willie Green, 131¾, Trenton in a sixer.

In fours, Willie Law, 156, Trenton earned the nod over Richie Johnson, 154, Phila.; Franklie Cooper, 127, Trenton stopped Joe Lowery, 130, Phila. in 0.47 of the last round.

AROUND THE TRI-STATE AREA
By Don Elbaum

BOXING IS TAKING AN UPSWING IN THIS AREA THANKS TO ERIE'S RED HOT JOHNNY BIZZARRO. Johnny headlined two shows in Erie within three weeks and each card found a capacity house.

ERIE—Johnny Bizzarro weighing 138 banged game Eli Leggett all over the ring to win all eight rounds on all three score cards. Leggett, 138, of Detroit just could not catch up to the flashy, sharp hitting Bizzarro and this resulted in a one-sided fight that saw Johnny at his best. This was Bizzarro's 28th win in 33 fights. He has one draw.

In a co-feature eight rounder, veteran Tony Christy, 140, of Pittsburgh had to fight right down to the rail to win a thriller from Enoch Mapp, 135, Detroit.

Up and coming Joey Fiske, 146, Erie defeated veteran Jesse Keeler, 150, Pittsburgh in the top four of the night. Joey was in command all the way as he won his eighth fight in nine starts.

A much improved Tom Gerarde, Warren, Pa., 178-pounder, dropped Walter Brown, 170, Youngstown, three times in the second round to win by a KO in 2:31. This was Tom's 10th victory in 12 fights.

Jimmy Hartzell, a tremendous puncher, knocked Ernie Wright out with one booming left hook in 2:40 of the first round. Hartzell won his fourth straight by KO and is a fighter to watch. He is one of the hardest punchers to come along in a long time. Hartzell of Youngstown weighed 177. Wright of Pittsburgh came in at 194.

In the opening four, the famed "Fighting Beautician", Lou Mazzuca knocked out veteran Johnny Howard in 1:43 of the third round. One big right hand turned the trick for Lou who weighed 146½. Howard of Cleveland came in at 145.

YOUNGSTOWN — Charles McCreary, a classy, sharp punching middleweight returned to action and stopped veteran Arley Seifer in five rounds. Charles, a product of Pete Tomez, won every round and scored his 12th victory in 15 fights. McCreary weighed in at 153.

Johnny Bizzarro, the fighting sensation from Erie, belted Johnny Milton, a sub out of Akron, from pillar to post to win by a KO in 1:33 of the third round. Bizzarro weighed 138 and Milton 145.

Another eight rounder, the best fight of the night saw Weyman Dawson score his second straight KO since his return to the ring when he KO'd Roy Carruthers in 2:43 of the third round. The two fighters stood toe to toe without a let-up and a barrage of punches had Roy in trouble on the ropes when the referee called a halt. Dawson weighed 143½ and Roy, 145.

Alex Ford, Youngstown's light-heavyweight KO artist, added Jim Harris to his list of KO's. The out of conditioned Harris carrying a 20 pound weight advantage was stopped by a vicious right hand to the body in 2:40 of the first round. Ford, a good prospect, weighed 176 and Harris, Akron, came in at 196½.

Lew Eskin, Assistant Managing Editor of The Ring, presents a trophy to his Fellow townsmen former world light-heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich as Gus' wife Inger looks on at the New Jersey Boxing Writer's Dinner that honored Lesnevich as the "Garden State's" Man of the year in Boxing. The award Gus is receiving is from the Cliffside Chamber of Commerce.

The opening four found up and coming Jimmy Hartzell, 176, of Youngstown score his fifth straight KO with a tremendous left hook in 1:44 of the first round. His opponent Columbus Kirby was doing all right until he ran into Jimmy's big punch.

A crowd of 419 paid $916 to see the card. This was an increase of $300 over the last card.

ERIE—A turnaway crowd of 1,266 paid $3,508 to see Carmen Basilio and his two proteges in action. Carm brought Dick DiVeronica and Carmen Scialabba to town to face Tony Christy and Johnny Bizzarro. Over 300 fans were turned away and fans saw Basilio's star DiVeronica come out a winner and Carmen (not Basilio) come out the loser.

Johnny Bizzarro, weighing 136, had little trouble handling Scialabba, 136, formerly of Butler, Pa. and now fighting out of Syracuse. The game Scialabba took everything that the local star had to offer and the best he could do was come out with one round on the score-cards of two of the officials. One judge gave Bizzarro every round.

DiVeronica's two fisted attack was too much for the classy Christy to overcome. Game as they come Christy gave a good account of himself but could not keep up with Dick who fights on the order of his famed mentor Carmen Basilio. DiVeronica weighed 135—Christy 141.

In a six rounder Tom Gerarde, 176, Warren, Pa., won the biggest fight of his career when he decisioned Nick Synax, 190, of Pittsburgh in a six rounder.

Gerarde had to go all out in the last round to win the fight but he did just that as he opened up on Synax in the sixth heat and had Nick in a bad way. This was Tom's sixth straight victory and his 11th victory in 13 fights.

In the top four rounder Alex Ford, 173, took a going over from Joe "Shotgun" Shelton, 186, Cleveland in the first round but in the second, the former National Golden Glove Champion got his body punches together and dropped Shelton three times to win by a TKO in 2:55 of the second round.

The opening four found Lou Mazzuca, the local 145 pound "Fighting Beautician" boxing a draw with veteran Jesse Keeler, 152, Pittsburgh.

McKEESPORT—Knockouts were the order of the day as this writer matchmaked Promoter Bill Speney's all-star boxing card at the Palisades.

In the feature fight of the night, Ferenc Martinovich, the 136 pound Hungarian Freedom Fighter sent Eli Leggett into retirement when he KO'd the tough Detroit slugger in 2:45 of the seventh round. Martinovich, carrying the heavier artillery, blasted Leggett all over the ring and had the pint-sized 139 pounder on the floor in the fifth round with a right hand.

Dick DiVeronica, protege of Carmen Basilio battered Henry Hickman around the ring and dropped him in the fifth round with a wild right hand. When Henry got off the floor the referee called a halt. The time was 2:50 of the fifth round. Both fighters came in at 136.

Jackie Matesic, 142, of Pittsburgh and Teddy Grice, 140¼, of Cleveland were having a private war of their own when a left hook and right to the head found Grice helpless on the ropes. The fight was over in 2:19 of the first round.

Another war ended in a knockout when up and coming Connie Vaughn stopped veteran Pedro Gonzales in 1:47 of the third round. The two light-heavyweights were standing toe to toe for three rounds but Pedro ran out of gas resulting in a KO for the hard punching Vaughn.

FAST JABS . . . Lou Mazzuca, "The Fighting Beautician" of Erie has gained nation wide publicity as he is the owner of one of Erie's outstanding Beauty Shops.

BOXING NEWS FROM MONTREAL
By Wallace Brown

ST. DENIS ARENA—Jacques Chevrier Promoter. Joey Durelle, promising young welterweight prospect, originally from Baie St. Anne, N.B., but now making Montreal his base of operations, scored a unanimous ten round decision over Billy Johnson of Philadelphia. Joey, cousin of former light-heavyweight contender Yvon, chalked up his 19th win in 20 bouts, 14 by the kayo route. Durelle and Johnson hit the toledos at 147 to 146.

In the eight round semi-final, Raoul Sarrazin, Mtl., 138, fashioned a six round TKO at the expense of Rejean Robert, 138, Montreal. Sarrazin, a member of Canada's Olympic squad at Rome last summer racked up his third straight kayo in the punch for pay ranks.

In a six rounder which also was abbreviated, Claude Labonte, 150, Montreal, halted Dave Dawney, 146, Halifax. The commission doctor intervened in the second round when Dawney was cut on the left eyelid which required three stitches to close. Labonte a former "Ring Prospect of the Month" now has a respectable 9 and 2 record.

Rejean Bergeron, 157, St. Jerome, scored a unanimous six round decision over Clement Sarrazin, 159, Montreal. Larry Rinaud, 178, Montreal, bested Benito Favotta, 185, Montreal in six.

▶ Veteran fight manager Harry Sheppard accompanied his little tiger Davey Hilton overseas recently to tackle Terry Spinks in a ten rounder. This was part of an all-star cast, as Terry Downes and Chick Calderwood also displayed their wares. Hilton, the Canadian Featherweight champion was disqualified in the seventh round for holding. The Canadian champ is regarded as a real comer, and with a little more experience could cause trouble for the top feathers in the not too distant future.

▶ The annual City and District amateur boxing tournament were run off Feb. 20 and 21. This years edition was organized jointly by the White Owl Club and C. P. St. Zotique. The tournament was an artistic as well as financial success. Champions were crowned in ten divisions. The title holders for 1961 are, 112 lbs. Roger Foisey; 119 lbs. Jean Coderre; 125 lbs. Marcel Belleuille; 132 lbs. Claude Coloumbe; 139 lbs. Albert Breau; 147 lbs. Jacques Leduc; 156 lbs. Emedio Vespa; 165 lbs. Paul Breil; 178 lbs. Marcel Bergeron and heavyweight George Thibeault.

▶ Three Montreal fighters scored victories in the annual amateur Newsboy Charity Boxing show held in Toronto, Ontario. Marcel Belleuille, Canadian Olympic boxer scored a first round kayo over Detroit's Oscar German. Gaby Manicini, who also made the journey to the Rome Games, bested John Hall of Detroit in five. Robert Piau decisioned Jim Meilleur of Windsor, Ontario, in five.

▶ Bobby Leitham, former Bantamweight Champion of Canada and contender for world honors is a familiar figure at ringside on fight nights. Since 1932 when Bobby retired from the beak busting trade, he has referred and still is a judge on the Montreal Atheltic Commission. Quite a record. Oldtimers will remember Bobby holding the Canadian title from '28 to '32, also facing such famous fighters as, Midget Wolgast, Harry Thomas and Little Pancho Villa in a career which lasted five years and 85 fights. Bobby has never lost his interest in boxing, and is a credit to the boxing game.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

THREE European titles were defended during February and in each case the champions, Dick Richardson, Erich Schoeppner and Dave Charnley, emerged triumphant. Charnley had quite a dust-up with Frenchman Fernand Nollet though the latter is by no means the best lightweight on the Continent. Campari Hashas, Galiana and Guy Gracia all rate a shot at the European crown. Ray Nobile put up a brilliant display against Davey Moore, losing on points but gaining international recognition whilst Giulio Rinaldi clearly defeated Freddie Mack of America.

▶ **DORTMUND, GERMANY.** The return affair between Dick Richardson of Great Britain and Hans Kalbfell of Germany drew a capacity crowd of 15,000 at the Westfalen Hall; in their previous meeting, Richardson knocked the German out amid tumultuous scenes from the audience. On this occasion Richardson won the bout on merit, thus retaining his European title. He weighed in at 203, half a stone lighter than the Teuton. It was a battle of left hands until the third round, when both fighters opened up, Richardson getting the better of the exchanges. By the fifth, the Welshman was sporting a swollen left optic but came within an ace of scoring a kayo in the seventh, when a short right to Kalbfell's chin sent the German down for a short count. Kalbfell staggered to his feet at "4" and was immediately overwhelmed by the charging Richardson, who led with his head instead of his fists and was warned by the Swiss referee. By the ninth, the German had recovered his strength and in the succeeding rounds he made up leeway with repeated attacks to head and body. The last two frames went to Richardson, who displayed amazing stamina in staging a somewhat wild but energetic rally in the final to win convincingly on points. The objective audience gave the Welshman a warm send-off.

Stefan Redl, 148, was again impressive, dropping Herbert Schilling eight times before the Frankfort boxer's corner slung in the towel in round seven, thus moving a step nearer a shot at the German title. Heini Freytag, 156, was held to a draw by cagey Hector Constance of Trinidad over eight rounds and Peter Gumpert decisioned the Dutch middleweight, Gerd van Eyk, also over eight rounds. Peter Goschka, 132, was unexpectedly taken the distance by modest Roger Moine of Belgium, to win via the points route.

▶ **MADRID, SPAIN.** Davey Moore's bout with Fred Galiana, briefly noted in our last report, caused quite a fuss in Spanish fight circles. The opening round saw Galiana boxing in best matodor style, countering with good effect and in the next frame, Galiana was equally impressive, making Moore miss by the proverbial mile and capping the display with a crisp right shot to the champion's chin. In the third, Moore succeeded in getting to close quarters and wrought damage with short hooks to the mid-section, winding up with a one-two which dropped the Toledo Blade for a count of "8". Galiana survived the rest of the round but had apparently lost his morale. He allowed the World Champion to get in close and land four consecutive uppercuts to the chin followed by a roundhouse swing that dumped Galiana on the canvas. The referee began to count but Galiana signalled his retirement and was ordered to raise his arms accordingly. The 16,000 fans hooted their former idol out of the ring, subsequently he was suspended by the Federation and his purse withheld; a strange reaction after the honors earned for Spain by Galiana in various parts of Europe and South America. In the second spot at the Sports Palace, Luis Folledo gave his best performance to date in outscoring the dangerous Boxwell St. Louis very convincingly whilst gallant Kid Daniel was knocked out in the fifth round of his slam with Argentine welter Oscar Perretano. Daniel was floored for "9" by the slow but strong Argentino during the third round but repaid the compliment by twice dropping Perretano to the canvas in the fourth. Jose Luis Biescas, only just out of the paid ranks, earned a shot at the national feathers title by beating Kimbo Calderin over eight rounds.

▶ **LYONS, FRANCE.** Michel Vinot, now operating in the cruiser ranks, made short work of the Spanish champion, Luis Vicente Serra, belting out the visitor in round one.

▶ **THE HAGUE, HOLLAND.** Nelis Oostrum did well to whip Marius Dori of France in a fast-moving middles ten whilst Sugar Ray, Dutch bantam king, bested Fritz Rings of Germany, who earns a living as a chimney-sweep. Jan De Vos continued to make progress, stopping Karlheinz Rauen in round seven after administering three knockdowns.

▶ **ORLEANS, FRANCE.** Jackie Chauveau won clearly over Cyprien Carrie in a one-sided lightie larrup over ten rounds.

▶ **AGEN.** Balding Marcel Marcerou outfought Roger Ferragu in a welter ten.

▶ **EPERNAY.** Fode Traore was held to a draw by local feathers veteran, Robert Meunier, one of the few fighters to have beaten Robert Cohen.

▶ **BARCELONA, SPAIN.** The national middles title changed ownership yet again when champion Fernando Penarroya was ruled out in the twelfth session for striking Victoriano Olivares below the belt. Francisco Carreno nodded Bobby Hernan in a feathers eight. A week later at the same venue, Juan Cardenas got the nod over Jose Luis Martinez, who seems to have exhausted his talents battling the bantams and feathers of Cuba and Japan.

▶ **COLOGNE, GERMANY.** Without Peter Mueller as an attraction there was only a sparse attendance of 2000 at the Exhibition Hall, where Helmut Mistol successfully defended his welter title against former champion Guenter Hase. It was a bout without highlights, Mistol showing signs of rustiness after his lengthy absence from the ring, winning clearly in twelve rounds. Klaus Langhammer, Berlin middle, quitted himself fairly well against dangerous Michel Diouf, the Black Panther from Senegal; the Teuton fought calmly and courageously against the wild, non-stop attacking Diouf, who succeeded in dropping Langhammer in the second round for a brief count and wound up disputed winner on points. Conny Rudhof, 136, tore into Bob Marcel at top speed and belted the Belgian out in round three whilst Willi Quattuor, feathers champ, forced Roger Verhelst of Belgium to retire in the second. In two middles frays, Hans Wohlers narrowly decisioned Mohamed Sahib of Syria in eight and Rolf Peters edged out Georg Lautenbacher in six. Karl Furcht 135 debuted with a points win over Miguel Campos Lopez of Spain in four rounds.

▶ **PARIS.** At the Salle Wagram, Joe Rafiu King, world-rated Nigerian feather, carried too many guns for Chatos Ramos and forced the Spaniard to retire in the fifth round. Jean Biosca was beaten by Ameur Lamine in a feathers ten and promising Lucien Fernandes licked Albert Lefrancois in a welter ten.

▶ **FOURMIES.** Albert Younsi retrieved lost ground by whipping Marcel Chretien in a bantam eight.

▶ **TOURS.** Edgar Basel more or less reached the end of the trail when he was knocked out by Jean Guerard in five rounds.

▶ **REANES, FRANCE.** Jean Ruellet, stocky French middles champ, proved too strong for Edouard Lewko, halting the Franco-Pole in the eighth round and thus retaining his national bauble. Maurice Francois drew with Michel Fontaine in a welter eight and Michel Francois bested Andre Scheppler in a middles eight.

▶ **BLOIS, FRANCE.** Germinal Ballarin was surprisingly taken the distance by the Dutch middleweight, Henny Van Berkum.

▶ **GRANVILLE.** Pierre Rossi got the better of Algeria's Ali Belhout in a flyweight ten.

▶ **BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.** In preparation for his title-clash with Eder Jofre, which failed to materialize, Alphonse Halimi had a workout against Jean Renard, defeating the Belgian over ten rounds. Pierre Cossemyns, who seems to improve with time, blasted out Jimmy Carson in the second round of a bantam fray and the middles clash between Bob Martinez and Bob Stevens was declared No Contest in the fourth round when Stevens sustained a badly cut eye from a collision of heads. Jean Hoeffler trimmed Robert Brysse in a welter eight.

▶ **LUXEMBOURG.** Boxing in the Grand Duchy has again revived since Werner Wiegand emerged from retirement. In his second comeback bout he was fronted with the Belgian champion, Alain Cherville, who is no slouch although he lost all three outings last year. After a very even ten-rounder, Cherville was awarded the decision, which met with boos from the crowd. Carlo Clementi nodded Leon God of Belgium in a cruiser six.

▶ **DORTMUND, GERMANY.** The Schoeppner-Roux clash for the former's European cruiser laurels drew only 6000 fans to the Westfalen Hall, the average German considering the Frenchman small fry compared with Rinaldi and Calderwood. Indeed, Schoeppner looked as if he might make quick work of his challenger when he clouted Roux to the chin with a hefty right which

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 18th)

	HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1.	Ing. Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2.	Hans Kalbfell (G)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Peter Mueller (G)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3.	Karl Mildenberger (G)	Lennart Risberg (SW)	Marcel Pigou (F)	Hippolyte Annex (F)
4.	Sante Amonti (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Fortunato Manca (I)
5.	Albert Westphal (G)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)	Chris Christensen (D)
6.	Franco Cavicchi (I)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Jean Ruellet (F)	Stefan Redl (G)
7.	Thoerner Ahsman(SW)	Paul Roux (F)	Andre Drille (F)	Luis Folledo (S)
8.	Plinio Scarabellin (I)	Helmut Ball (G)	Manfred Hass (G)	Yves Cornez (B)
9.	Ulli Ritter	Leen Jansen (H)	Bruno Fortilli (I)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
10.	Ulli Nitzschke (G)	Wladis Kopec (F)	Michel Diouf (F)	Helmut Mistol (G)

	LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1.	Giordano Campari (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
2.	Aissa Hashas (F)	Ray Nobile (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)
3.	Guy Garcia (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Rene Libeer (F)
4.	Fred Galiana (S)	Rene Barriere (F)	Mario Sitri (I)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
5.	Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Jules Touan (F)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Jean Guerard (F)
6.	Guizani Rezgui (T)	Willi Quattuor (G)	Pierre Vetroff (F)	Pierre Rossi (F)
7.	Fernand Nollet (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Elysee Castre (F)	Andre Younsi (F)
8.	Conny Rudhof (G)	Alberto Serti (I)	Mohamed Zarzi (F)	Raton Osuna (S)
9.	Epiphane Akono (F)	Antonio Ramos (S)	Kamara Diop (F)	Young Martin (S)
10.	Luigi Castoldi (I)	Louis Poncy (F)	Sugar Ray (H)	Santos Seoane (S)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.

dumped him on the deck for "3". A moment later Roux was floored again for a short count and was making heavy weather when the gong sounded. In the succeeding rounds it became apparent that Schoeppner was in no danger from the Frenchman's punching and began to take things too easy. A clash of heads in the seventh busted Schoeppner's right eyebrow and in the eighth he began to bleed from the other. Roux meanwhile plodding steadily ahead, fighting furiously whenever the champion opened up an attack. The battle grew in turbulence, both men badly marked about the face and at the end of the thirteenth round, referee Welter considered the mangled shape of Roux's ear too bad to withstand further buffeting.

Something of sensation was created by Jan De Vos, 154, a 26-year old Dutch battler who was halted by Max Resch last October in four rounds. De Vos claimed a foul on that occasion and Resch offered him a return bout, but this time the Hollander boxed brilliantly, dropping Resch in the last round for "7" and winning handily on points. Lanky Al Kramp, 200, was no match for ambitious Gerhard Zech, 212, who blasted out the coal-black West Indian with a left hook in the third round. Manfred Hass, 159, scored two knockdowns to win over eight rounds against Richard Bouchez of Belgium and Heini Freytag was unexpectedly taken the distance by Herbert Sowa in another middles eight. Klaus Winkler, 154, knocked out Addy Mueller in four rounds.

▶**PARIS.** Quite a rumpus was caused by the Hippolyte Annex-Isaac Logart bout which took place at the Sports Palace. It was the French Gypsy's first venture into proper international class and Logart proved a very tough customer. Annex fought at his usual rate, blasting away with both hands, and had a slight edge over the Cuban until the start of the ninth round: Logart succeeded in slamming a sharp left to his opponent's liver which dropped Annex for "8". The latter made a good recovery in the final round and the judges decreed a draw verdict, a decision strongly criticised by the sports press. On the same card, Jose Ungidos of Spain lost out to Francois Pavilla in a welter ten and Henri Vargas knocked out Angelo Caschetto of Italy in the fifth round of a feathers duel.

▶**LAON, FRANCE.** Gilbert Lavoine, doyen of French boxers, indulged in a regular roughhouse slam with Marius Dori, which ended in honors even after ten rounds.

▶**BONNELLEBELLE.** Belgian heavyweight prospect Leon Ven was flattened in six rounds by Rene Goubelle of France but undefeated Yves Cornez retrieved the situation by trouncing Jacques Bouhier, French welter, over eight.

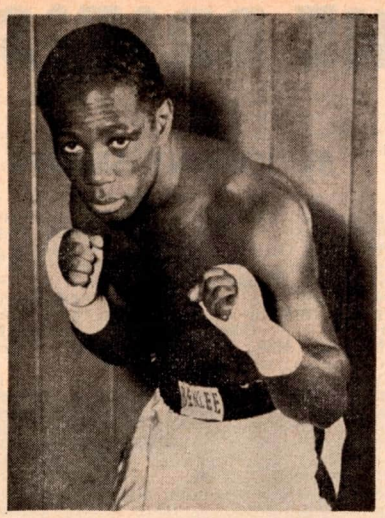
▶**ABIDJAN.** In West Africa, Kouame Yao returned to action after a long layoff, forcing Michel Dinot to retire in the tenth round of their cruiser slam.

▶**MONZA, ITALY.** German battlers had a bad time of it here, Joe Buck being halted in the sixth round of his feathers fray against local star Lino Mastellari, though it was an injured hand which caused his retirement. Klaus Hessmann, 183, was knocked flat by Frigerio in the sixth round after building up a considerable points lead.

▶**ROME, ITALY.** After the successes of Rinaldi and Campari against World Champions it was thought that perhaps feathers champ Ray Nobile might make it three in a row by upsetting Davey Moore. The bout was fought at top speed, with Moore obviously the more complete fighter, dominating his Italian rival in the second half of the bout. Nevertheless, Nobile put up tremendous resistance and should provide a tough challenger to Gracieux Lamperti. Franco Di Piccoli struck his first snag in the paid ranks when he tangled with foxy Maurice Mols, a durable Frenchman who has never been knocked out in his eight years as a campaigner; Di Piccoli wore down his adversary by sheer strength and youth and finally won via the points route. Another ex-Olympic star, Nino Benvenuti won very easily over Sammartino, the bout being stopped in the third round. Sammartino volunteered his services at ringside when Benvenuti's intended opponent failed to arrive. Ottavio Panunzi blasted out Bernard Quellier of France in the second session of their cruiser collision and Franco Brondi decisioned Jean Albouy in a lightie six. Ottavio Micciche stopped Rodolfo Sinacori in the second round of a feathers argument.

▶**TOULOUSE, FRANCE.** Serge Boe trimmed veteran Lou Mourros in a middles ten.

▶**ORLEANS.** Manuel Sosa succeeded to the vacant French lightweight throne by virtue of his win over Jackie Chauveau, who signalled his retirement during the eighth round of a very even battle after taking a crushing left hook to the liver.



Isaac Logart, veteran Cuban welter contender who fought a thrilling draw with French Gypsy Hippolyte Annex in Paris. Isaac's fine showing has brought him a number of offers from other of Europe's boxing centers and he hopes to return to the Continent.

▶**PARIS.** Aissa Hashas, the Jaguar of the Sahara, lived up to his cognomen when he clashed with Ireland's Spike McCormack at the Salle Wagram, tearing into action from the opening gong. Spike avoided most of the blows but sustained a terrific plastering to the midriff during the second stanza, finally dropping for a count of "8" but recovering to box his way out of trouble. A terrific right hook to the side of the head kept him down for keeps in the third round. Rene Libeer, flyweight champ, won by a mile against Jacques Jacob and Claude Saluden knocked out Abder Faradji in the eighth heat of a welter tussle.

▶**BARCELONA, SPAIN.** Jose Navarro Paredes did well to defeat dangerous Tomas Moktar in a welter eight at the Gran Price whilst later, at the same venue Francisco Bermudez scored his first important win to date by halting middles champion Victoriano Olivares in the fifth round.

▶**ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND.** The Huizenaar team, inactive of late due to injuries, returned to the wars in grand style. Leen Jansen stowed away Rudolf Nehring, useful German cruiser, in the third round and Toon Schuurmans decisioned Robert Brysse of Belgium in a welter eight. Jo Lamers, whose career was interrupted by an auto crash, won clearly over Belgian middleweight Eddy Kindermans, also over eight rounds.

▶**PARIS.** The magical name of Laszlo Papp drew a large crowd to the Sports Palace, where the Magyar was pitted against Sauveur Chiocca, who is in fact only a heavy welter. Papp, 161, had an eight-pound pull in the weights but was unable to make much impression on the experienced Corsican. The Magyar marched forward as usual, trying to land a finisher at all costs, whilst Chiocca was content to avoid punishment and occasionally surprise Papp with sudden bursts of activity. Papp won clearly after ten that lack of sparmates in Hungary had rerounds but gained little applause. He claimed stricted his training; he intends to train in Paris for his title-clash with Scholz. On the same bill, Wladis Kopec dropped Uwe Janssen of Germany six times before their cruiser debate was halted in the fifth round and Henri Vargas added another scalp to his belt when he iced Ruggerio Menotti of Italy in the fifth frame of a feathers bout. Manolo Garcia has slipped way down the toboggan-slide, his corner slinging in the towel during the ninth round of his lightweight slam against Paul Maolet.

▶**COPENHAGEN, DENMARK.** At long last recognized as official challenger for the European welter title, Chris Christensen sought to straighten out the flaw made in his record by Ahmed Sebane, who trimmed the Dane last year. This time it was all Christensen, who had his man on the verge of a knockout in the first round, belting the Algerian to the canvas with a hefty right to the chin. Sebane got up at "8" but subsequently kept at a healthy distance and lost by quite a margin of points.

▶**PADUA, ITALY.** Still champion of Italy, though not a rated boxer, Federico Friso was held to a draw over eight rounds by Alain Cherville of Belgium in a somewhat dull bout. Bacchini, 202, boxed well against the massive Martuzzi, 229, but walked into a roundhouse wallop that laid him out for the count in the second round.

▶**BRESCIA.** Possessi defeated Mebarek Limane in a feathers eight.

▶**PRATO.** French fighters took a beating when Francois Delannoy was given a rugged tousing by Nieri, over eight rounds, and Rene Pigeon lost out to Santini in a fast welter eight.

▶**ROME.** The appearance of Giulio Rinaldi against an American brought the promotors another full house at the Sports Palace, although the name of Freddy Mack meant little to fans this side of the Atlantic. The shaven-headed Freddy recalled Jack Johnson in prime and kicked off in fine style with several hefty rights to the head that made Rinaldi wince, but as the fight progressed the Italian came into his own and hammered away with two-fisted attacks to the body. After ten rounds, Rinaldi deservedly got the duke. Erratic Franco Cavicchi hit one of his off days, or perhaps Bert Whitehurst was the better fighter, at all events Cavicchi was forced to retire in the eighth round with a cut eye. In a further heavyweight slam, Plinio Scarabellin, 194, knocked the daylights out of Jose Peyre, 200, a Belgian of Jugoslav ancestry who sports a Spanish name, the ref halting the one-sided fray in the third round. Mario Vecchiatto eventually succeeded in breaking his losing jinx by trouncing nifty Franco Nenci in a lightweight ten, though he has declined the chance of again meeting Campari for the title. Attendance was 16,000.

▶**GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN.** Although acting as sparmate to Ingemar Johansson in Florida, Pekka Kokkonen of Finland was flown over to Sweden in order to dispute his most important bout to date, against Yolande Pompey. No doubt about it, promotor Eddie Ahlqvist gives his fighters every chance of making good, if they are willing to take the plunge. Pompey has made great strides in his recent comeback and is rated among the top three Commonwealth fighters. Kokkonen was in excellent condition and weathered a bad patch in the fourth round, when Pompey landed a succession of left hooks that had the Finn hanging on. It was even-steven until the eighth, when Kokkonen dropped the West Indian for a brief count. The judges ruled a drawn decision. Lennart Risberg, 170, disputed the main event with Germinal Ballarin, 170, in a rugged maul that also finished up honors even. The Swede landed a smashing right in the second round that made Ballarin sag at the knees but the Frenchman was too experienced to be caught napping a second time. Risberg sustained a cut eye in the third round which restricted his usual attacking style. Big Thoerner Ahsman, trying to break through for a shot at European honors, had some trouble with the blond German, Horst Niche, 185. Ahsman dropped his foe for a count in the second round and eventually won via the points route but failed to impress. In a lightweight six, Phil McGrath of England was defeated by Tivador Balogh.

▶**SANTA CRUZ, SPAIN.** Once a challenger for World Title honors, Young Martin failed to recoup even the national flyweight title when he was beaten by the current champion, mediocre Raton Osuna, over twelve rounds.

▶**FERRARA, ITALY.** The Argentine middleweight Juan Carlos Duran, already winner against Dante Madella and Gino Terabusi, scored his third victory in Italy by beating Gianfranco Bartaloni on points. In the final round, the Italian signalled to his corner for them to sling in the towel but when Bartaloni's manager protested, Duran charitably agreed to let the fight proceed once more. Marcello Santucci trounced Guglielmo Bacchiana in a welter eight and Omar Oliva, Argentine lightweight, knocked out Fernando Bonzanini in the third.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LEICESTER . . . Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 191¾, was given a good workout by Ulli Ritter, Germany, 196¼, over the ten round route at The Gramby Halls . . . Benny Jacobs pet "Our Joe" won eight rounds with one draw and the other to the slow moving German . . . Ebe Mensah, Nigeria, 136¼, was too aggressive for Brian Jones, Nottingham, 136¾, and after the latter had taken five knockdowns, he retired at the end of the seventh . . . Chris Elliott, 130, outpointed Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 127½, in eight . . . Mick Greaves, Leicester, 126¾, outpointed Cofi Manu, Ghana, 128¼, in six . . . Nat Jacobs, The coloured Manchester welterweight, 149½, improves with every bout, and in outpointing Eddie Phillips, Nigeria, 146¼, in a lively six, showed enough good form to be considered a future prospect . . . Razza Bailey, Coventry, 184½, knocked out Joe Cliff, Willenhall, 190, in the third . . . Mike Basten, Leicester, 181, and Lacey Stannard, King's Lynn, 173, drew in six . . . Jimmy Blanche, Coventry and Ireland, outpointed Dennis Kilburn, Willenhall, in a middleweight six.

▶ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB** . . . London . . . Love Allotey, Ghana, 128, knocked out Paddy Kelly, Derry, 127, midway through the sixth with a right to the body . . . Les Morgan, Acton, 147½, returned to the ring after an absence of three and a half years to outpoint Terry Banning, Warick, 146½, in eight . . . Eric Fearon, Jamaica, 190½, and Abe Stanley, Bournemouth, 192, fought a draw in an exciting six . . . Mick Greaves, Leicester, stopped Aubrey Day, Kings Lynn, 130½, in the fifth . . . Eddie France, Bourne End, 117½, stopped Pat McCormack, Ireland, 117½, in the fourth.

▶ **LIME GROVE** . . . Ron Barton, West Ham, former Cruiserweight Champion, 176, was declared the winner over Jimmy Attoh, Ghana, 173½, when referee Harry Gibbs, disqualified the latter during the third for illegal use of the wrist . . . Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 138, coming in as a last minute substitute, knocked out Sammy Etioloja, Nigeria, 137, in the third . . . Referee Robert Irvine disqualified both Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 145, and Sugar Gobiliru, Ghana, 144, for persistent holding during the third, and declared "No Contest" . . . In an exciting six between Danny Wells, Basildon, 118, and Davey Whittaker, Battersea, 118, the former evened up the score between them, with a points win . . . Danny O'Brien, Kilburn, 131, defeated Tommy Williams, Cardiff, 131, in the third when referee Harry Gibbs intervened after Williams had taken four counts . . . Mick McCrechan, Dagenham, 144, outpointed Terry Thompson, Gloucester, 150, in a hectic six . . .

▶ **SHOREDITCH** . . . Promoter Harry Grossmith was rewarded with a capacity crowd at The Town Hall, when one of the best flyweight bouts seen for many a year was provided by Derek Lloyd, Chingford, 114¾, and Don Braithwaite, Caerphilly, 115¾, over eight rounds. The young Welsh prospect was thought to have taken on more than his mark in Lloyd, who is in line for a title match with Johnny Caldwell, but he proved to be more than a match for the aggressive Lloyd on my card . . . Every round was a humdinger, and how the crowd enjoyed the scrap can best be described when after referee Pat Floyd raised both their hands at the end denoting "A DRAW", the ring was flooded with coin to the tune of Thirteen Pounds . . . Johnny Kramer, West Ham, 146, after losing the first four rounds against George Cottle, Bermondsey, 146½, suddenly came to life during the fifth to score several knockdowns with the bell coming to the latter's assistance . . . The sixth saw the end as Kramer slammed in a perfect right to Cottle's chin for the latter to take another "nine", on rising referee Pat Floyd did the right thing in putting a closure by intervening in favour of Kramer . . . Billy Secular, Bermondsey, 130½, won the "Local Derby" against Johnny "Butch" Davis, Bermondsey, 130½, when the latter was ruled out during the eighth and last round for the misuse of his head . . . Joe Dowling, Bermondsey, 124¼, got up off the floor to gain a points win over Alan Branquet, Channel Islands, 125, in a punishing six . . . Bobby Fiddes, Hackney, 126¼, narrowly outpointed Roy Thompson, Dagenham, 128, in six . . . Bobby Simms, Northolt, 158½, outpointed John Ferris, Ireland, 160½, in six.

▶ **MANCHESTER** . . . Peter Bates, Doncaster, 202, made a welcome return to the ring after a rest of Two Years, and holding young Heavyweight prospect Ray Shiel, St. Helens, 185, to A DRAW, must be considered a good performance by ring rusty Bates . . . In the early rounds of their eight it was Shiel who held the lead, but the experience of Bates told in the end of a hard fought contest . . . George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 161½, Midland Area Middleweight Champion, was a clear points winner over Malcolm Worthington, Crewe, 163, in a hard fought eight . . . Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 128, again showed brilliant form in outpointing Con Mount Bassey, Trinidad, 127½, in eight . . . Ernie Butterworth, Manchester, 114, outpointed Jimmy Wheeldon, Leicester, 114, in six . . . Bernard Sullivan, Salford, 187, outpointed Steve Walsh, Southport, 199, in six . . . Billy Elliott, Leicester, 129, outpointed Nye Ankarah, Ghana, 129, in six . . . Joe Jacobs, Manchester, 136, knocked out Alf Cottam, Preston, 137½, in the first . . . Nat Jacobs, Manchester, 150, suffered his first defeat when he was ruled out during the fourth against George Palin, Crewe, 148, for persistent holding and rabbit punching . . . The former had received several cautions before the referee was forced to take action.

▶ **LEWISHAM** . . . Pat O'Grady, Bermondsey, 160½, kept his unbeaten record in nine straight, with a good win over Tommy Tagoe, Ghana, 161½, when the referee intervened during the seventh to save the coloured lad from further punishment . . . Ricky McMasters, Jamaica, 146½, was too good for Paul Mensah, Ghana, 147, and the referee stopped the bout after Mensah had taken several counts in the first round . . . Ron Rowley, Pontypridd, 137, outpointed Dave Chandler, Battersea, 140, in an all action six . . . Tony Oliver, Brixton, 150½, knocked out Howell Roberts, Colwyn Bay, 146½, in the third . . . Mark Quinn, Leyton, 116½, outpointed Dennis Edwards, Colwyn Bay, 116½, in a spirited six . . . Laszlo Schrenk, High Wycombe, 150, stopped Ron Hammond, Sheffield, 148½, in the third.

▶ "Gameness Personified" is the only way one can describe Ken Watson, South Africa, 138¼, in his winning debut in Great Britain, when he faced Byron Hollingsworth, Trinidad, 139¾ . . . Early in the first Watson forced the pace against the cool headed Hollingsworth, who picked his punches and scored with a good right to the jaw, that crumbled the South African to the canvas with the bell coming to his assistance at "Three" . . . In the second Watson continued to force the pace although it was plainly to the onlooker, that he had not yet recovered from the first knockdown, and again was forced down twice, but the gamecock from South Africa rose without taking a count . . . A change came over the contest in the fourth, for Hollingsworth seemed to be tiring from his early efforts to score a knock out with Watson still strong and obviously recovered and scoring with his two handed attacks . . . In the seventh although suffering a cut under his right eye, Watson continued to attack with the crowd cheering him on against the back peddalling Coloured man . . . Coming out for the eighth and last round, it was all Watson who did the fighting to score a knockdown just as the bell ended a sensational battle, and receive the referee's decision amid a shower of "Nobbins" . . . Summing up this terrific battle, we can say that Watson "Outgamed" his opponent . . . It was only fourteen days back that Billy Walker, Kings Cross, 115, received a points decision over Pancho Bhatachaji, India, 113, in eight exciting rounds, but in the return The Indian Lad made amends by stopping his opponent in 2 mins. 35 secs. of the first . . . Walker was caught by a long left swing that put him down for "eight", rising unsteady he was again put down for "nine", and referee Harry Gibbs, seeing the defenceless Walker unable to defend himself, wisely stopped the bout in favour of Bhatachaji . . . Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 141, defeated Bobby Kelsey, Dagenham, 141½, when the bout was stopped at the end of the first after Kelsey had sustained a badly cut eye . . . Alan Palmer, Norwood, 136¾, gained a points win over Stan Bishop, Birmingham, 138, in a hectic six . . . Tommy Corrigan, Belfast, 148½, outpointed Mick McCrechan, Dagenham, 144, in six . . . Roy Lake, Morden, 127¼, outpointed Bobby Fiddes, Belfast, 126½, in six.

▶ **NEWCASTLE** . . . When referee Tommy Watson raised the hand of George Bowes, Hesleden, 118½, at the end of ten hard fought rounds against Michel Lamora, France, 119, it was greeted with a howl of dissent, and not only that, but we again saw the ring covered by crumpled programmes and other missiles amid the boos of the large crowd . . . The shorter Frenchman repeatedly got inside Bowes big punch, to score freely, and the only time that "The Geordie" connected was towards the end of the last round, but the fast and clever French Lad was cool, calm and collected to be caught again . . . it was quite unfair to have booed Bowes as he left the ring, for it was not his fault that the verdict of the referee did not meet with the approval of the fans. In contrast Lamora was given a great ovation as he left the ring all the way to the dressing room . . . Ricky Kiernan, Glasgow, 137, was credited to have outpointed John Bacon, Middlesborough, 136, after a hard eight . . . Kiernan during the bout was forced to the canvas on five occasions, but in three he got up without taking a count . . . Bob Cofie, Ghana, 145, outpointed Pat Aaron, Nigeria, 143¾, in a wild swinging eight . . . Ron Cowley, Sunderland, 143½, knocked out Stan Jackson, Newcastle, 135½, in the second . . . Teddy Carter, Guisborough, 141½, outpointed Billy

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To March 19, 1961)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Dick Tiger (N)	Brian Curvis (W)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Mike Holt (SA)	Terry Downes (E)	George Barnes (A)
3. Brian London (E)	Johnny Halafihi (To)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Mick Leahy (E)
4. Dick Richardson (W)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Yama Bahama (B)	Wally Swift (E)
5. George Chuvalo (C)	Jack Whittaker (E)	John McCormack (S)	Tony Smith (Liv'p'l) (E)
6. Robert Cleroux (C)	Johnny Cole (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Boswell St. Louis (T)
7. Jim Cooper (E)	Tony Smith (Wol'pton) (E)	Gert Van Heerden (SA)	Gale Kerwin (C)
8. George Mahoni (To)	Stan Cullis (E)	Gomeo Brennan (B)	Jimmy McGrail (E)
9. Gawie DeKlerk (SA)	Red Redrup (E)	Peter Read (A)	Johnny Melfah (N)
10. Ray Shiel (E)	Burke Emery (C)	Tuna Scanlon (NZ)	Albert Carroll (E)
LIGHTWEIGHTS	**FEATHERWEIGHTS**	**BANTAMWEIGHTS**	**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Rafiu King (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Johnny Caldwell (I)
2. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Howard Winstone (W)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Jackie Brown (S)
3. Gary Cowburn (A)	Floyd Robertson (G)	George Bowes (E)	Dennis Adams (SA)
4. Steve Nittes (A)	Percy Lewis (T)	Johnny Morrissey (S)	Derek Lloyd (E)
5. Maurice Cullen (E)	Terry Spinks (E)	Roy Beaman (E)	John Mtimkulu (SA)
6. Darkey Hughes (W)	Levy Madi (SA)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	George McDade (S)
7. Ebe Mensah (N)	Wally Taylor (A)	Dennie Adjie (G)	Fred N'Gidi (SA)
8. Enoch Nhlapo (SA)	Love Allotey (G)	Peter Lavery (I)	Jackie Bruce (A)
9. Brian Jones (E)	Johnny Kidd (S)	Alex Ambrose (S)	Little Joe (SA)
10. Peter Heath (E)	Derry Treanor (I)	Dick White (A)	Don Braithwaite (W)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South America; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

Bowman, Gateshead, 138, in six . . . Billy Linton, Middlesborough, 152½, stopped Tommy Baldwin, Gateshead, 156, in the third.

▶**NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB** . . . London . . . The £1,000 middleweight competition did not produce any outstanding prospect . . . Dave George, Woking, 159½, who was the most impressive in defeating Joe Bell, West Indies, 161½, who received a damaged eye which caused referee Jack Hart to call a halt on inspection at the end of the fifth . . . Ronnie Vale, Leamington, 159½, defeated Jimmy Blanche, Coventry, 162, in the seventh, when referee Hart came to the rescue of Blanche who had taken several counts and was in no condition to defend himself . . . In an even fought battle between Mick Greaves, Leicester, 127, and Brian Smith, Porthcawl, 128, the latter received a badly cut eye which forced him to retire at the end of the fourth . . . Danny Wells, Basildon, 117, outpointed Dave Johnson, Hendon, 117, in six . . . Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 128, outpointed Joe Dowling, Ireland, 125, in six.

▶**PARIS** . . . France . . . Jim "Spike" McCormack, Northern Ireland Lightweight Champion, was knocked out in the third by The French Algerian, Aissa Hashas.

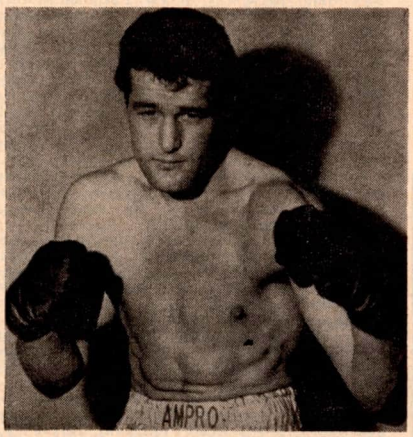
▶**DORTMUND** . . . **GERMANY** . . . Dick Richardson, Newport, European Heavyweight Champion, 204, successfully defended his title against Hans Kalbfell, Germany, 211, after a gruelling battle over 15 rounds . . . It was one of the most punishing fights that any fight fan could wish to see, for both finished the bout with cuts above and under their eyes, whilst Richardson added a closed left eye to show that he had been in a victorious battle.

▶**PRESTON** . . . George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 161½, won a gruelling eight rounder against Sandy Luke, Nigeria, 158½, before a good crowd . . . Bill Boyd, Birkenhead, 162, did a good performance in handing Ronnie Riley, Preston, 166, the order of the K.O. in the fifth, in which both took hard blows without flinching . . . The end came after Boyd shot a hard right to the body and followed with another to the jaw that put Riley face downwards on the canvas for the full count . . . George Palin, Crewe, 148½, knocked out Jimmy Spellman, Liverpool, 148, in the third . . . Kay Dee, Nigeria, 150, outpointed Maurice Lloyd, Crewe, 150½, in six . . . Owen Feather, Blackburn, 160, knocked out Jackie Abbott, Huddersfield, 161, in the third.

▶**STREATHAM** . . . Dave Charnley, Dartford, successfully defended his European Lightweight Title by clearly outpointing Fernand Nollet, French Lightweight Champion over 15 rounds . . . Charnley started off early with his two handed barrage against the clever Frenchman who relied on his countering to offset The Britisher's attack . . . This paid off, for from the fourth he concentrated on a right counter to Charnley's body . . . At halfway Charnley held a good lead, and in the eleventh the crowd were shouting for a knockout, but the wily coloured Frenchman weathered the storm . . . Sensations galore in the thirteenth when Charnley continued his aggressive attacks, Nollet came forward with head down and both heads clashed, with Charnley suffering from a split eyebrow, referee Nicole Bril of Holland sternley warned Nollet for the use of his head as a battering ram, but the damage was done, and with blood streaming down Charnley's face, had the latter worried till the bell . . . The seconds worked hard during the minute recess to stop the flow of blood, and Nollet coming out for the fourteenth tried to stem back the points that Charnley held, all to no avail, as Charnley fought back furiously to send Nollet back on his heels against the ropes . . . The final round was fought at a fast pace with The British Champion scoring with heavy blows to the head, and one almost had the game Nollet tottering around the ring amid the shouting from the fans for Charnley to finish off the contest, but the bell came to Nollet's assistance with referee without any hesitation raised the hand of Charnley as the winner and still The European Champion . . . At the weigh-in, Charnley scaled 134¼ to Nollet's 135 . . . Johnny Kramer, West Ham, 147½, continued his winning way with a four round win at the expense of Peter Cobblah, Ghana, 148, who was outclassed and retired at the end of the round . . . Bob Nicholson, Farnborough, 169¾, knocked out Brian Coxhead, Preston, 172, in the third . . . Menzies Johnson, Jamaica, 208¾, knocked out Maxie Earle, Trinidad, 202, in the second . . . George Judge, Glasgow, 128¾, outpointed Ron Jones, West Ham, 129¾, in eight . . . Dave Higgins, Fife, 135½, outpointed Alex McMillan, Glasgow, 135, in eight . . . Phil Ludgren, Bermondsey, 128, The Stylist Ex-Amateur Champion, knocked out Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 128, in the second.

One of the most popular boxers from South Africa, Willie Toweel, has decided to call it a day, and hang up his gloves . . . Ex-Empire Lightweight Champion, Willie Toweel was a credit to the game, and all that have met the likeable South African will wish him the best of luck in his venture as a London restauranteur.

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON** . . . Maurice Cullen, Durham, outpointed Ebe Mensah, Ghana, in a lightweight eight . . . Maxie Smith, Wolverhampton, knocked out Derek Kilburn, Willenhall, in the fifth of a middleweight bout . . . Eric Fearon, Jamaica, outpointed Razza Bailey, Coventry, in a heavyweight six . . . Lennie Williams, Maesteg, knocked out Chris Dobbs, Gateshead, in a bantamweight contest that did not last one round.



Ron Barton, West Ham, former cruiserweight champion who won another bout on his comeback by an odd third round disqualification over Ghana's Jimmy Attoh. The referee ruled out the African for illegal use of the wrist.

▶**GOTHENBURG** . . . Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, and Pekka Kokkonen, Finland, fought a draw in eight . . . Phil McCrath, Halifax, was outpointed by Tivador Balogh, Sweden, in a lightweight eight.

▶**BIRMINGHAM** . . . A good crowd turned out for Lew Phillips on his T-V show . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham, outpointed Billy Kelly, Derry, in a lightweight eight . . . The best performance seen on T-V was that of Brian Cartwright, Birmingham, who showed plenty of class and a perfect right cross that felled Don Cosheril, Channel Islands, for the full count in a bantamweight contest in the second round . . . Eric Brett, Retford, outpointed Colin Mannock, Birmingham, in a lightweight eight . . . Ron Gray, Walsall, stopped Sid Cain, Watford, in the second of a heavyweight bout . . . Johnny Gleed, Poplar, outpointed Beian "Lacy" Stannard, Kings Lynn, in a cruiserweight six.

▶**LIVERPOOL** . . . Jimmy McGrail, Liverpool, had his title bid crashed for the time being, when Irish Mick Leahy, now a British Citizen, convincingly defeated him over 10 rounds. McGrail undefeated in seventeen starts, was outgeneraled, outboxed and outpunched by the Dublin born Leahy. The Irishman come Britisher never allowed McGrail to get set from the first gong, and he kept up the pace to nullify any attempt that the Liverpudlian had of getting home with his heavy artillery . . . In a lightweight bout, Dave Coventry, Liverpool, outpointed Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, in eight . . . Billy Calvert, Sheffield, outpointed Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, in a featherweight ten . . . Tony McMillan, Glasgow, outpointed Jimmy Braddock, Ellesmere Port, in a featherweight four . . . Billy Evans, Liverpool, outpointed Norman Swales, Lancaster, in a featherweight four.

▶**PAISLEY** . . . Scotland . . . In an effort to find a challenger for Terry Downes Middleweight Title, Promoter Peter Keenan matched John McCormack, Glasgow, and Phil Edwards, Cardiff, in a 12 round Final Eliminator . . . Both Edwards and McCormack were beaten inside the distance by The Londoner, and I cannot see either one in with Downes with a chance of victory, unless it will be through the Cut Eye or Cut Nose, that we know that Downes is susceptible to . . . Coming back to the Edwards-McCormack set-to, it was a fantastic performance on the part of The Scot, who had plenty of guts to weather the heavy going in the ninth, in which he was down for three counts, but to the surprise of everyone, he came back fighting furiously towards the end of the round . . . Coming out for the tenth, "Cowboy" McCormack, with his right eye almost closed kept up his attack and cut Edwards under the left eye, also scoring with a left hook that sent Edwards staggering across the ring . . . Both could hardly stand in the last session, but they continued to slam bang into each other till the gong with The Scot receiving the decision by a narrow margin . . . Gerry McNally, Liverpool, outpointed Alf Barker, Glasgow, in a cruiserweight eight . . . Willie Fisher, Craigneuk Olympic Bronze Medalist, made a successful debut into the paid ranks with a five round win over Andy Barry, Glasgow, when the referee stopped the middleweight contest in favour of Fisher.

CANADIAN MARITIMES

By Fred Bishop

Promoter John Chechetto continues to keep the fight game alive here in Nova Scotia as he presented another lively card at the Venetian Gardens featuring Gordie McDougall, 179, Sydney and top Nfld. heavy Clarence Penton, 188, Stephenville. The fight didn't figure to last the scheduled eight rounds although Penton fought McDougall to a standstill for two rds. In the fourth McDougall crowded Penton into his own corner and landed with everything in the book before Referee Pordena Smith stopped it at the 1.11 mark.

In the semi-final of six rds. undefeated Basil Arsenault, 174, Mira, scored his sixth kayo in seven starts as he outclassed Frankie Pilgrim, 175, Stephenville, Nfld., after two minutes of the second round.

In four rds. Tryone Gardiner, 137, Sydney, scored sharply with lefts and rights to stop Bobby MacNeil, 142, Sydney, midway through the last round of an action-filled fight.

Norm Parker, 122, Leitches Creek, hung a first rd. kayo on Freeman Spencer, 125, Glace Bay, and twin brother Lloyd Parker, 124, Syd., in turn was stopped by Francis MacDougall in two.

NEWS FROM TORONTO CANADA

By Jacques Tachauer

AT THE ANNUAL NEWSBOYS AMATEUR CARD AT MAPLE LEAF GARDENS, U. S. boys from the state of Michigan came out second best in four of the five bouts in which they participated. There were ten bouts in all and approximately 2,000 fans attended the show.

There were no pro matches, the bout between George Chuvalo and Bob Cleroux being called off due to the former's illness.

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BAHAMAS BOXING NEWS

By Chris Matakius

NASSAU—YAMA BAHAMA, 154, BIMINI, PRIDE OF THE BAHAMAS who has fought such fighters as Kid Gavilan, Gil Turner, Isaac Logart and Luis Rodriquz, unleashed a two-fisted attack against willing Bobby Shore, 153, Atlanta, Ga. Last minute substitute for Juan Gonzales of Cuba, flooring him twice before referee Jim Rodgers wisely stopped the fight in 2:10 of the eight-round at the Bahamas Boxing Stadium. In the semi-final six, Tiger Barr, 149, Nassau, outfought Kid McCoy, 150, Nassau.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. Jimmie Amann

THE 1961 CINCINNATI GOLDEN GLOVES finals were staged at the Gardens here on February 10 and another record breaking crowd took in the concluding bouts of the three night fight jamboree.

Roland Schwartz, chairman, is to be complimented for the fine boxing card presented.

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

THE CONTROVERSIAL CAREER OF HENRY HANK reached another parallel when the contract of the Detroit middleweight contender was recently purchased by Harry "Scotty" Baxter, a prominent local manager in the 30's. The Scotchman is well remembered as the handler of Detroit's former all-time great featherweight, KO Morgan, and is excellent newspaper copy.

Hank had been managed by automobile salesman Jim Bowlin and busdriver Taylor Smith, since his amateur days. But during the past year, their relationship with Hank was tense.

Whether or not the move will change the plight of Hank's career can only be determined with time. But, no mistaking, he'll be fighting under a different theory entirely. Bowlin and Smith accepted most fights offered them for Hank.

With foxy Baxter, the story should be different. Besides Harry's years of experience, Max Handler will be promoting at Convention Arena shortly and since Max is a believer in class, Hank should get ample opportunity to prove himself once again.

▶ Local fighters continued to storm the midwest and east keeping busy while the game here-abouts remained stagnant despite numerous rumors. At the same time, Muskegon's Kenny Lane treked down to Caracas, Venezuela, to face the vaunted puncher Carlos Hernandez and managed to score a draw. An 8-5 underdog, Lane proved he still belongs with the better class of 135 pounders by holding the highly touted youngster even in his own backyard.

Apparently his recent draw with Yama Bahama has spurned welterweight Ted Wright on to greater things. Subbing for Chico Vejar against the once highly touted Garnet (Sugar) Hart, the former Detroit golden glove champion scored a ninth-round knockout.

▶ **GOLDEN GLOVE** tournaments took over the fistic headlines throughout the state with finals being held at Detroit and Grand Rapids. Both squads will compete in the tournament of champions at Chicago. The results in the Detroit open class were:

Heavyweight, Edgar Boyd, Norther, decisioned Ike Blue, Brewster; 175-lbs., Billy Newsome, Brewster, KO'd Thomas Jefferson Smith, Brewster, at 1:07 of the second; 160-lbs., John Kubiuec, Windsor, beat Jessie Riley, Brewster; 147-lbs., Roland Wilkes, Windsor, outpointed Sedell Newsome, Brewster; 135-lbs., Martin Kur, Lasky, bested Phil Parent, Windsor; 126 lbs., John Hall, Brewster, won over Adam Harris, Lasky; and 118-lbs., Eduard Vasquez, Parkside, edged Leonard Harris, Cannon. There were no open entries in the 112-lb. open class.

Boyd, Kubiec and Hall were champions on the last year's Detroit squad. Newsome won in 1959, Wilkes in '58, while Vasquez and Kur are newcomers.

At Grand Rapids, three open class champions repeated including Oscar German, National AAU 118-lb. champion, J. W. Jackson and Eddie Saucedo. For Saucedo, it was his third straight title, all at different weights beginning with the 125-pound title, then 135 pounds, and now the 147 pound championship. The complete results follow:

Heavyweight, Ronald Pettus, Benton Harbor, KO'd Russell Mills, Bay City, in one round; 175-lbs., Donald MacKie, Flint, beat James Hart, Lansing; 160-lbs., Melvin Beach, Clarkston, KO'd Mike Peplinski, Bay City, in two; 147-lbs., Eddie Saucedo, Lansing, decisioned John Hall, Grand Rapids; 135-lbs., Roger Goedart, Lansing, won over Ike Brown, Flint; 126 lbs., J. W. Jackson, Flint, KO'd Francis Romanik, Bay City, in one; 118-lbs., Oscar German, Muskegon, defeated Pat Reynolds, Bay City; and 112-lbs., Bob Davis, Flint, outpointed Louis Moreno, Lansing.

▶ **BEHIND THE HEADLINES** . . . Classy Michigan welter and lightweight champion Gene Gresham is becoming quite a traveler of late. Just recently, Gresham and his manager Forrest Foster, returned from London, England, where Gene met Dave Charnley. As we go to press, Gene will face Giordano Campari in Italy . . . Recent rumors indicate that Convention Arena may not open until June. Considerable labor trouble has hampered any earlier plans and repeatedly removed much of the glitter from the entire Cobo Hall construction . . . Luther Burgess, local trainer-manager, has been spending considerable time with sharpie Don Elbaum's promising lightweight, Johnny Bizzaro, in Erie, Pa. . . . Jack Kerns' court case against Joe and Chuck Spieser was finally dismissed by Detroit judge Theodore Bohn. Kerns claimed a contract existed for a championship bout between his fighter Archie Moore and Spieser, proposed for Detroit in January, 1958. But when the promotional group led by Joe Spieser could only come up with $55,000 of the $100,000 guarantee, the match fell through. Kerns claimed he and Moore were entitled to expenses nevertheless. Judge Bohn declared the match was merely publicized by Kerns as such and a legitimate contract never actually existed . . . Forrest Foster has done a grand job with the youngster, but has wisely brought out of retirement one of the best trainers in the business to help further the ability of his protege . . . Boxing experts have another opportunity to enhance their knowledge as Nat Fleischer's 1961 Ring Record Book is just hot off the press. This great encyclopedia has 900 pages and 100 photographs, and is crammed full with information valuable to everyone connected with or interested in boxing.

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DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

WEEKLY FISTIC ACTION by promoters Paavo Ketonen and Paul Clinite hit full swing at Phoenix. In action, fast punching Ray Salazar, 123, Los Angeles, won a split decision over Manuel Elias, 124, Phoenix in 10. In another top bout Leonard Coleman, 160, Phoenix stopped Ray Avila, 161, Los Angeles in six. And in the opening four, Jesus Corrales, 138, launched his pro career by stopping Butch Hutchinson, 136, in two.

▶ ZORA FOLLEY RETURNED to local rings Feb. 10, by facing Norman Letcher, 185, Los Angeles. A thing seldom seen happened. Letcher walked out of the ring in the 5th. He merely said, "I quit." Folley was awarded a TKO. In a semifinal 10, Johnny Hart Jr., 136½, won a split decision from Henry Olea, 139, in an all action bout. Dave Furch, 201, Phoenix stopped Bob Mumford, 203, Los Angeles in the 3rd. Don Starr, 147, Los Angeles scored a KO over Frank Lujan, 147, Mesa.

▶ WILLIE ROCKABYE ROSS showed he has box office appeal by drawing one of the seasons best crowds Feb. 22 at Phoenix Garden. Ross stopped Tony Lopez Smith, 145 in the second of a scheduled 10. Ross is Arizona's most exciting fighter. In six rounders, Ray Valdez, 120, Tucson stopped Mario Luciano, 120, Mesa in the sixth; Negro Veloz, 150, Nogales won a decision over Charlie Austin, 152, Phoenix; and Bob Avery, 200, Phoenix outpunched Cliff Gray, 190, San Diego to win a decision. Ross is stepping up to better competition. He's a former service champion, fighting for Vince Chaires, successful fighter and trainer now with the Airborne in Germany.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

PROVIDENCE, R. I. AUDITORIUM — Tommy Haden, 120½, New Bedford, garnered the New England featherweight crown by gaining a split twelve round decision from Gene Fosmire, 124½, Revere. Paddy Read had won the title from Fosmire a month before but was stripped of the crown by the R. I. Boxing Commission for refusal to fight Haden. Fosmire got off to a substantial lead by virtue of a nifty left jab but weakened in the middle rounds. Haden took charge in the seventh round and came roaring down the stretch with sharp combinations to gain the nod from two of the officials.

The semi-final sixer was a middleweight bout hurriedly put together when illnesses caused several substitutions to be made on the card. Don Webber of Tilton, N. H., scored two knockdowns in whipping Johnny Mastrangelo of Boston. In four rounders: Dick Perry, 129, Providence, eked out a split decision over Al Salzillo, 133 Providence, in a slugfest; Johnny Gorman, 174¼, Providence, easily stopped Pete Williams, 149¼, Fall River, in round two; and Lou Quirimi, 138, Providence, belted out Al Scalzo, 133, Brockton, in the second round.

▶ **Boston Arena**—Joe DeNucci, 165, Newton, was awarded an unpopular ten round draw with Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 160, Yonkers, N. Y. DeNucci built up an early lead and fought in spurts thereafter. The veteran Jones fought a consistent battle with his attack aimed at DeNucci's body. The general consensus of those present was that Tiger had repeated an earlier win.

Don Manni, 147, Hyannis, won a close six round decision over Jimmy Dorsey, 146, New York. Kenny Tavares, 143, New Bedford, scored a knockdown in the second heat but had to settle for a draw with Butch Craig, 146, Bridgeport, in six rounds. Bob Fosmire, 147, Revere, kayoed Frankie Madison, 144, New York, in the second with a left to the jaw. George Colton, 128, Tewksbury, belted out Osborne Carter, 124, Roxbury, in the second of a sixer. Paul Raymond, 163, Somerville, annihilated Bo Hackey, 160, Bangor, in the first round.

ARK-LA-TEX JABS
By Bill McIntyre

A BUSY MONTH was experienced in the Ark-La-Tex during February but all of the punches were sent winging by amateurs. State Golden Gloves Tournaments at Lafayette, La. and Forth Worth, Tex., and the Mid-South Regionals at Memphis, Tenn.

▶ Louisiana Golden Gloves champions for 1961 included heavyweight Sam O'Quinn of Westwego; Gene Bergeaux, Lafayette (175); Carroll Fontenot, Westwego (160); Ronald Guidry, Lafayette (147); Zeke Nola, Baton Rouge (135); Alfred Primeaux, Lafayette (126); Dale Walsh, Baton Rouge (118); and Joe Viator, New Iberia (112).

Fontenot, Primeaux and Viator all repeated as state champions but a fourth holdover from 1960—heavyweight Pat Harrington of Shreveport—lost in the finals to O'Quinn. Nola, who moved through the Mid-South Regionals at Memphis and on to the National Golden Gloves at Chicago, was voted the most outstanding swinger of the tournament.

▶ The Texas finals at Fort Worth drew three Ark-La-Tex boxers in light heavyweight Mills McCawley of Shreveport, featherweight Lee DeLaRosa of Texarkana and flyweight Gene Cortinez, also of Shreveport. McCawley, boxing out of Texarkana, advanced all the way to the Texas 175-pound finals before losing to John Peters of Corpus Christi, Tex.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

HAROLD JOHNSON TOOK A PAGE FROM ARCHIE MOORE'S BOOK AND LIKE THE BOXING METHUSELEH showed a Miami Beach indoor fight record crowd of 4,017 ($20,829), that age is no barrier when there is a will. The wonderfully conditioned, 32 year old Philadelphian, became the National Boxing Association's light-heavyweight champion, after stopping, rather easily, the younger Jesse Bowdry, of St. Louis, in the ninth round. Busy with a steady left jab, and later with well-timed combinations, Johnson was master from the start. Referee Cy Gottfried stopped the fight after Johnson had scored four knockdowns.

Bowdry must have felt lost in the same ring with Johnson for whatever his leads were, the Quaker City clouter repeatedly beat him to the punch, or punches. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶On the Johnson-Bowdry undercard: Cassius Clay came up with another win and the Olympic light-heavy champ, campaigning now as a heavyweight, kept his winning streak intact although his opposition was anything but that. Clay's fists added Jim Robenson, who subbed for Willie Gulat, in the first for a TKO. Sugar Cliff won a welter four from Harry Irwin. Vince Bonomo grabbed a welter four from Frankie Carr, and Cedric Dennis won a lightweight four from Jerry Powers.

▶Apparently THE RING MAGAZINE used the crystal ball to foresee the pugilistic possibilities of one Cassius Clay. After a couple of pro go's, THE RING named him "The Best Prospect." In celebration "Cass" kept faith with boxing's BIBLE and Promoter Chris Dundee who matched him with experienced Donnie Fleeman, of Texas, at Miami Beach in a main event soon after. The RING RECORD BOOK will sport this result: Cassius Clay stopped Donnie Fleeman in the seventh round.

▶Please send in all Southern boxing notes and news to: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

▶Fight fans down Miami way are wondering if Willie Pastrano, popular light-heavyweight living in their neighboring Beach will call it quits. THE RING'S sixth ranking boxer failed in his biggest test, against Jesse Bowdry, and that takes a lot to overcome. We're sure when Willie has the URGE to fight, he'll climb through the ropes again.

▶Three title fights in Florida in three months time has perked up boxing interest in the state. We'll be missing coverage for our column personally since Dr. C. C. Mendoza has curtailed our driving and travel due to a severe whiplash, result of an accident.

▶The passing of former crack Southern welterweight Jimmy Finley is a very sad note. One of the greatest ever to come out of Dixie, the left hook artist from Louisville, Kentucky, died recently. He was known as the Louisville Slugger.

▶Boxing can always stand a dash of showmanship. It's needed now more than ever. Recall the wonderful copy Madcap Maxie Baer, Two-Ton Tony Galento, Art (Golden Boy) Aragon made in papers and magazines? They helped bring in the customers and kept the writers with terrific copy.

Keep your sets adjusted for this name, Cassius Clay. The Louisville Larruper, in his first main event (fifth pro bout) all but took apart the game Texan, Donnie Fleeman at Miami Beach, and registered a seventh round TKO before a crowd of 2,076, a good turnout for Promoter Chris Dundee.

The 19 year old ex-Olympic light-heavy champ, at 190½, had no trouble winning and has set his sights on winning the pro heavyweight title.

Fleeman, in his 51st pro go, was no match. He took a sound body pummeling. Johnny Sarduy, 131, beat Hector Rodriguez, 127½. Vince Bonomo, 148½, stopped Ray Sheppard, 150½, in the seventh, and Otha Brown, 163½, whipped Cliff Morris, 167¼, in 10. Chris Dundee promoted.

NEW ORLEANS BOXING NEWS

By Ike Morales

JUST HOW GOOD IS RALPH DUPAS?

At home, Whitey Esneault's bread-winner is practically unbeaten, and his supporters feel confident Ralph is the best welterweight in the world and a sure-shot to dethrone Benny Kid Paret if given the opportunity.

Crescent City boxing fans were still pondering Dupas' sock status following Ralph's 10-round victory over middleweight Joey Giardello in Municipal Auditorium here. The fight, which gained much recognition, boiled down to a "good, big man meeting a good, little man," only in this case the old adage was reversed insofar as results were concerned.

Dupas spotted the rough, tough hombre from Philadelphia 11 pounds, scaling 149 pounds to Giardello's 160. And for a while —during the first half of the milling—it appeared as though Joey's weight advantage and superior punch would be the undoing of the local boy.

Giardello connected with some good shots, rocked Ralph with some deadly punches and for a while it appeared as though Dupas would be on the receiving end of some heavy punishment. But Ralph, who followed Manager Esneault's expert advice to the letter, soon got his bearings, baffling his foe with his movements, moved in and out with the speed of a thoroughbred and came on in the stretch to outscore the ranking middleweight, who, less than 10 months earlier, slugged Gene Fullmer to a standstill in 15 rounds.

It was a brilliant exhibition by Dupas who admitted that Joey gave him one of his toughest fights. Most fans figured that off his showing against Joey, the local boy could hold his own with practically any middleweight in the world.

Even Giardello admitted that Dupas had won the fight, but gave some friendly advice to Ralph about continuing fighting 160 pounders. Joey said the weight would tell against Dupas if Ralph would give up the welters for the middleweights.

Dupas said he wanted to stick with the welters and had no desire to keep fighting the 160 pounders. Ralph opened a cut under Giardello's left eye with an accidental butt in the eighth round, a butt which seemed to annoy Joey in the last two rounds.

Box-office wise, the fight was a financial success for Promoters Lou Messina and Curley Gagliano. Some 6,000 fans grossed close to $25,000 for the ring natural.

Dupas was a decisive winner on all three of the officials' cards. That doesn't mean the fight was one-sided. On the contrary, it was quite interesting from start to finish. Referee Pete Guarrisso scored it 5-3-2, while judge Augie Lapara had it 6-2-2, and judge Lucien Joubert tabbed it 7-3. The writer scored it 6-4 for Ralph.

Leon Langley of Greenville, Miss., and Mike Fritcher, local boy making his pro debut, scheduled to meet in a four rounder, were pressed into service for a sixer when the scheduled semi-final between Jimmy Lane and Nolan Duplessis fell through. Lane didn't show up. Langley and Fritcher didn't disappoint the fans as the middleweights rocked and socked each other for five rounds—until Langley was awarded a technical kayo in the sixth. Up to the finish, Fritcher had a good margin. The latter had never traveled more than three rounds before.

Bobby Sanchez, 184½, of Harvey, La., won a unanimous duke over Lil Abner Flanders, 190, Cleveland, Miss., in the opening four rounder. Henry Mosco, 163, Cleveland, Miss., won over Kenny Marchand, 171, of Westwego, in the other four.

Phil David, 129, Westwego, stopped Carl Billo, 135, New Orleans, in the first round of a scheduled four held after the main event.

Following his victory over Giardello, Dupas said he was eager for his third trip to Australia. Ralph has been signed for an April 20 date, probably with Benny Kid Paret in an over-weighter. It is likely Ralph would be held over for at least another fight.

▶**JUST JABBING**—As this article went to press, Promoter Bonnie Geigerman and Joseph Jurisich signed for a March 20 fight between Henry Hank and Clarence Floyd, New York lightheavy . . . Gov. Jimmy Davis was an interested spectator at the Dupas-Giardello fight . . . The current members of the La. Boxing Commission—Emile Bruneau, Pete Herman and Otis Guichet—are members who really know the fight game. They've been connected with the fight game for years, something not rarely seen around the country. Which is a feather in the cap of Gov. Davis . . . Joey Giardello made such an interesting showing against Dupas that local promoters are endeavoring to bring back the Philadelphian for the near future.

BOXING NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

By Ruggles Larson

YAKIMA—Peter Rademacher, 201½, Yakima Valley, bombed out Harvey Taylor, 187, Seattle, in 2:48 of the first round, before 4,200 home town admirers.

In the semi-final, Bobby Lee, 156, Seattle, decisioned Ernie Gipson, 159, Seattle. Johnny Osborne, 157, Seattle, won a split-decision over Willie Jennings, 156, Seattle, in four. Gary Goins, 155, Tacoma, scored a second round TKO over Don Horne, 154, Seattle. Mike Gilman, 147, Seattle, boxed a four round draw with Lee Como, 144, Yakima.

SPOKANE—Kirk Barrow, 180½, Spokane, fresh from a 2nd round kayo of Floyd Joyner in San Francisco, returned to Spokane to dispose of Al Green, 177, Wichita, Kansas in three rounds. The deciding combination was a left hook dug to the midsection, followed by a jolting right hand flush on the chin.

In the semi, Eddie Jackson, 188½, L.A., scored a surprising 7th round T.K.O. over Johnny Riggins, 194, Spokane. In a six rounder, Cal Brown, Priest Lake, Idaho, was held to a draw by Johnny Wallace, 157, Sandpoint, Idaho. Bull Muller, 166, Spokane, drew with Jim Robertson, 174, Lewiston, Idaho, in the four round opener.

The show drew 2,099 customers, who paid $5,398.

TACOMA—Tacoma Filipino, Rudy Garcia, 134, won an easy ten round decision over Johnny Ramos, 128, Yakima. Garcia was in complete command throughout the engagement.

A slim crowd of 603 fans contributed $1,530.

In a companion ten rounder, Tacoma's middleweight, Bill Bailey, was upset by J. C. Johnson, 156, Seattle.

In preliminary bouts, Cevil Mott, 151, Ft. Lewis, stopped W. R. Davis, 150, Seattle, in the first. Sid Carter, 170, Seattle, decisioned Clem Turner, 172, Tacoma, in four rounds. Lee Osborn, 159½, Tacoma, won a split-decision over Mike Gilman, 150, Seattle, in four.

EDDIE COTTON, Seattle's high ranking lightheavy, won two bouts during the month in New Zealand. First, he beat John Halafihi, 172, Tonga, in ten, and then Eddie outpointed Mike Holt of South Africa in ten.

SEATTLE—The following amateurs won titles in the Pacific Northwest A.A.U. tournament and will represent this area in the Nationals: Hvy.—Art Gilmore, 178—Lindy Lindmoser, 165—George Wright, 155—Bob Pasquale, 147—Al Thompson, 139—Wade Smith, 132—Chris Cox, 125—Bob Cornwell, 119—John Howard, and 112—Pete Gonzales.

BOXING IN THAILAND

By F. E. Zuellig

WORLD FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION Pone Kingpetch was declared the winner in his first bout after beating Pascual Perez for the second time in Los Angeles. Jose Louis Martinez, Spanish Bantamweight, 117½ lbs., was in top form and harrassed the champion, who came in at 116 lb., for the duration of 10 rounds.

Pone started well enough, using his long reach to full advantage. His left was a beauty but his timing was off which made him miss most of his right punches. Martinez piled-up points with strong hooks and was the aggressor at all times. He finished the fast 10 rounds very much stronger than Pone, who slowed down during the last part of the fight.

The Spaniard gave a very good account of himself and the applause given to him after the result was announced, was bigger than for Pone. The fight was very close and a draw would have been the better decision. On my own scorecard, Martinez actually won the fight by a margin of 1 point.

The date for Pone Kingpetch's first title defense against Japan's fifth ranking Mitsonori Seki has now been set for June 27 in Tokyo. Kingpetch will receive U. S. $50,000 plus expenses up to $6,000.

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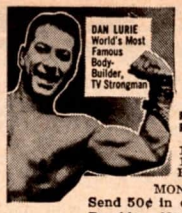

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By Bill Colbert

A PROFESSIONAL BOXING FRANCHISE WAS AWARDED TO THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS CO. OF DULUTH BY THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION. Meeting in St. Paul reelected Jim Waters chairman. In addition new amateur franchises were given to Willow River, Anoka, Windom and Fergus Falls. Franchises were renewed for Hibbing, Hastings, Virginia, Wadena, Bloomington and Glen Lake, Hopkins.

St. Paul Auditorium. Del Flanagan, St. Paul, 161, outpointed Lee Ballard, St. Paul, 155, in ten rounds of the main event. It was a very good fight and a lot of the fans thought Ballard should have received at least a draw. The results of the other bouts were: Jim Hegerle, 167, St. Paul, won by TKO over Henry Burton, 161, Chicago (1:10 of 5th).

Laszlo Bogi, 135, Minneapolis, knocked out Young Kid Chocolate, 131, St. Paul (1:40 of 2d).

Don Weller, 148, St. Paul, outpointed Al Andrews, 145, Phoenix, Ariz. (6).

Kunu Sherfoot, 223, Minneapolis, outpointed Conrad Lee, 226, River Falls, Wis. (4).

Rochester, Minn. Civic Auditorium. Del Flanagan, St. Paul middleweight, fought one of his best fights in several seasons and scored a fifth round technical knockout over Ernie Smith, Pittsburgh, in the main event. Flanagan outboxed Smith from the outset and gradually built an advantage which gave him a KO victory. One of the largest crowds in Southern Minnesota boxing history watched the bout promoted by the great promoter Ben Sternberg of Rochester. The results of the other bouts on the card were as follows: Duane Horsman, 161, Chatfield, Minn., won by TKO over Evan Buford, 168, Chicago (1).

Lee Ballard, 158, St. Paul, decisioned Dick Cotten, 154, Rochester (6).

Roger Wakefield, 186, La Crosse, Wis., won by TKO over Al Jackson, 178, Jackson (3).

Kunu Surefoot, 225, Minneapolis, won by TKO over Dick Jump, 228, Omaha, Neb. (3).

Don Weller, St. Paul welterweight and the State welterweight champ, has a challenger in Glen Flanagan. Emmett Weller, manager of his son, wants the match but says it has to be for a $1,000 side bet. Don't blame him one bit for letting the kid fight for nix. This match is a natural for St. Paul and will draw a big house.

Boxing is drawing real good in St. Paul and promoter Jack Raleigh is giving the fans some great fights. With Del Flanagan back in form, also Don Weller, the best young prospect to come around the Twin Cities in years, also a lot of other good boys who need a little more experience and lots of action for the fans.

Minneapolis, Minn. The Northwest Golden Gloves Tournament results are as follows, The Star Journal sponsoring the tournament had one of the largest crowds in its history. Finals—Flyweight—Bob Rodriquez, Minneapolis, dec. John Castello, Rochester.

Bantamweight—Rudy Pacheco, Minneapolis, dec. Doug Spencer, Blue Earth.

Featherweight—Ken Lockhart, Minneapolis, dec. Fred Jiminez, Blue Earth.

Lightweight — Jerry Barthel, Wadena (Bluffton), dec. Jim Jahner, Wahpet.

Welterweight—Asa Grigsby, Minneapolis, dec. Tom Shaughnessy, St. Paul.

Middleweight—Andy Heilman, Wahpeton (Fargo), TKO'd William Ford, Hibbing (Willow River) (1).

Light Heavyweight—Rick Drake, Wadena, dec. Creighton Schellschmidt.

Heavyweight—Jim Beattie, St. Paul, dec. John Poupart, Blue Earth (Albert Lea).

Jim Beattie, St. Paul amateur heavyweight, 6 ft. 8 in., winner of the Northwest championship this year, is considered one of the best young prospects in the Northwest. His trainer, Jim Azzone, is getting him in great shape for the Chicago Tournament where he expects him to come home a winner also. Last year he went to the semifinals.

Johnny Tillman is the chief inspector of the Minnesota Athletic Commission. What a fighter he was in his day—fought them all and gave a great account of himself. Britton, Malone, Lewis, Bartfield, Dave Shade and anybody that the promoters produced, old John went to the post and gave a great account of himself.

Peter La Nasa, a familiar figure in the sport world in St. Paul, died at the age of 65.

St. Paul, Minn., the Armory. Boxing fans were treated to a great card at the St. Paul Armory. Don Weller won a ten round technical knockout over Harlow Irwin of Minneapolis in a ten round main event. It was for the State Welterweight title. Twenty years ago Emmet Weller, his dad, won the lightweight title from Billy Smith of Mpls.

Don Weller took command from the start and fought a great fight and was ahead on all score cards when the referee stopped the fight in the tenth round because of a deep cut over Irwin's eye. The gate was $4,285.71 gross. Results of other bouts on the card were as follows:

Don Weller, 143¾, St. Paul, won by TKO over Harlow Irwin, 138¾, Minneapolis (1:00 of 10th).

Kunu Shurfoot, 226, Minneapolis, outpointed Conrad Lee, 224, River Falls, Wis. (6).

MARYLANDS MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

A SPARSE CROWD OF 441 PAYING FANS attended Benny Trotta's Sports Boxing Club ring show at the Baltimore Coliseum. The slim turnout was attributed to a last minute substitution in one of the two ten round feature attractions. Rocky Marciano had two of his proteges in the star attractions only to have one of them scratched off the show and Rocky himself called off his announced appearance to act as seconds for his boys.

Marciano's protege Tony Hughes, 204, of Cleveland, won every round of his ten rounder from Ike Thomas, 197, of New York City. Thomas looked totally inept as a main bout performer.

Cornelius Brown, 190, of New York City, the last minute sub who took the place of Tony Alongi and who asked that the bout be cut down to an eight rounder, lost the unanimous decision to Ernie (Rainbow) Knox, 178, of Baltimore.

Johnny Alford, 162, of Philadelphia, looked sensational scoring a one round K.O. over Johnny Ford, 163, of Baltimore.

Bobby Harmon, 126, of Baltimore, and Billy Davis, 128½, of Philadelphia, fought a bang-up four round draw that had the fans in an uproar throughout the entire bout.

Pete Flood, 163, made his debut a ringing success when he trounced his much more experienced foe Billy Tyson in the opening four rounder in an all local match.

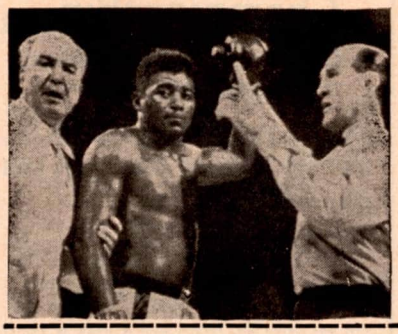
CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

▶ **Bristol.** The Bristol Sporting Club, promoting it's first boxing show in two years came up with a good ten rounder between former lightweight contender Johnny Busso of Astoria, L. I. and Al King of Bristol. Busso, 139, started off fast enough to win the first three rounds, but beginning with the fourth, King, 141, found the range and slowed down Busso with bombing left hooks to the body and was beating Busso to the punch repeatedly in most of the succeeding rounds.

At the end of the ten torrid rounds, the 550 fans, with a gross gate of $851.00, figured Al King had won the decision by his strong performance in the middle rounds, but were shocked when Referee Max Muravnick, of Meriden, awarded a one point, 46 to 45, verdict to Busso. He had the fight even in rounds, 4-4-2.

Two former world's champions also graced the card, Barney Ross and Willie Pep. Ross refereed two undercard bouts and Pep worked in Busso's corner.

In the preliminaries, Charley Jones, 146, Hartford and Willie Consello, 145, Puerto Rico fought to a three round draw. In scheduled sixes, Frank Taliafero, 138, Hartford, scored a second round TKO over Warren McIntosh, 140, N. Y. Tommy Simms, 176, N. Y. decisioned Abe Davis, 187, Hartford and Psalm Johnson, 137, Hartford drew with Johnny Bean, 135, New York.



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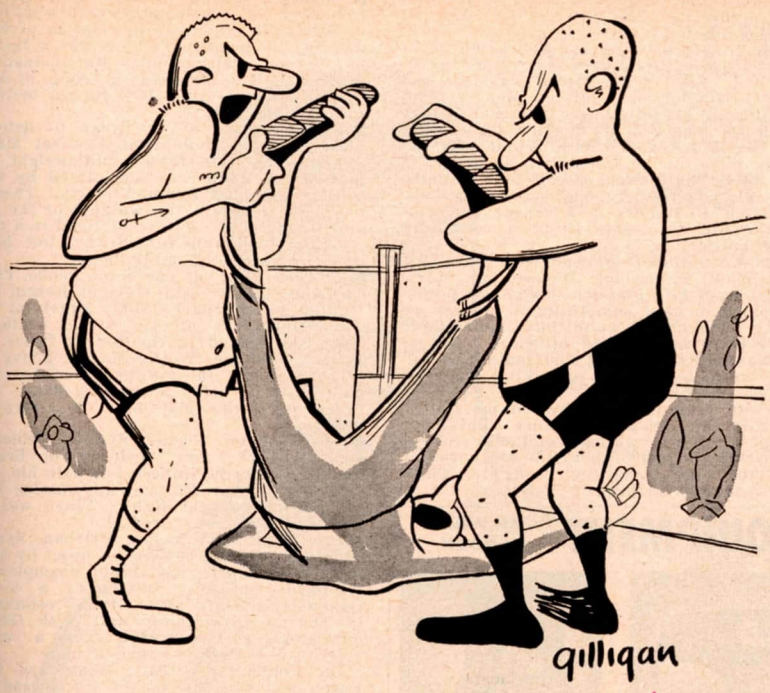

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By Felipe J. C. Galang

BERT SOMODIO, 136, LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE PHILIPPINES, knocked out Vicente Rivas, 138, of Caracas in 2:27 of the 3rd round of a scheduled 10 round main event at the Araneta Coliseum of Quezon City. The highly favored fighter from Venezuela was the aggressor of the night when caught squarely to the jaw with a left hook of the Filipino sending him to the floor to be counted out dead to the world. The Filipino lightweight kingpin and holder of the Oriental junior welterweight title, is again back in the fold after this victory and fully regained his defeat to Solomon Boysaw, due to cuts in his face.

Vic Campo, 112, and former flyweight champion of the country, badly outclassed Young Bonnie, 112, in 10-round supporting headliner. Rush Junior, 117, and Baby Galauran, 117, drew in another 10 rounder. The referee and the two judges voted differently in this controversial bout. Henry Acido, 110, bested Sixto Pienos, 111, in 6. James Verde, 112, won over Serafin Concepcion, 113, in 4. Bernabe Ortega, 127, kayoed Gene Salcedo, 127, in 4. Billy Castorico, 125, outpunched Bob Mower, 125, in the 4-round opener.

▶Yangtze Harris, 114, from Mindanao won a very close margin over Cisco Kid, 113, in 8 rounds in Manila. Dio Cagulada, 126, and Dony Tesorio, 126, drew in 8 and it was only judge R. M. delos Reyes who made the rightful decision in favor of Cagulada, who chased his opponent most of the way. Clever Perez, 120, lost to San Juan Boy, 123, in 6. Lucky Jones, 114, bested Ben Cezar, 114, in 4. Elino Esquerra, 117, kayoed Noel Gudar, 120, in 3. Flash Mendy, 113, and Mat Diosdado, 113, drew in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Army Wonder Boy, 126, became the Oriental featherweight champion when he halted Hisao Kobayashi, 126, and Oriental titleholder in 6 rounds at the Rizal Coliseum of Manila. The Japanese was so tough that he received all the punches the Filipino challenger could dish out after twice on the canvas. The referee stopped the fight when the Japanese could no longer defend himself, swaying like a leaf in the wind.

Little Rufe, 113, and flyweight champion of the Philippines, badly outpointed Billy Brown, 113, in 10. Oscar Reyes, 132, halted Tiger Willie, 128, in 4. Noel de Leon, 131, stopped Paulito Escarlan, 134, in 6. Tan Chico, 115, defeated Little Narding, 114, in 6. Tony Greganda, 110, won over Rod Cenares, 110, in a 4 rounder.

▶Rey Asis, 120, became the Philippine junior featherweight champion when he badly whipped Angel Boy in 12 rounds in Manila. There were no knockdowns although both boys are known sluggers. It was really a hard-fought battle for Asis to win the title which was newly created by the GAB. Sugar Roy Yalong, 134, kayoed Terry Rebolado, 136, in the 4th round of a scheduled 8. Terry made the first trip to the floor by a right to the jaw and at the count of 8, he stood up and was met by a series of lefts and rights for keeps.

Pete Regala, 111, stopped Rocky Padilla, 109, in 1st. Gali Goyena, 111, drew with Small Carding, 111, in 6. Dory Articulo, 119, bested Joey Angeles, 116, in 5. Semundo Macalalad, 111, and Jessie Fernandez, 110, drew in 4. Romy Calubiran, 109, fought Tony Opon, 111, in even terms in 4.

▶Veteran Leo Espinosa, 126, badly outpointed Korean Jae Kuen Yang, 126, in 10 rounds in Cebu City. Leo won all rounds except the 2nd and 5th, which was won by the Korean by a slight margin. The Filipino was too fast and clever for the slow moving slugger from Korea. Diamon Abrogar, 130, and Jessie Independence, 132, drew in 10 supporting bout. Star Charlie, 140, defeated Young Gony, 142, in 8. Tony Wonder Boy, 127, drew with Bert Herbesi, 130, in 6. Bonnie Borromeo, 120, won over Young Aligado, 119, in another 6 rounder. Tony Cuico, 112, kayoed Baby Bernard, 115, in 2. Little Vicente, 110, drew with Rey Ronolfo, 111, in 4. Billy Exinto, 100, decisioned Ernie Garces, 109, in 4.

▶Romy Sison, 112, knocked out Kid Tacio, 112, in the 2nd round in Manila. It was a single right to the chin that did the trick. Curly Aguirre, 124, kayoed San Juan Boy, 123, in 6. Mar Sorbito, 112, won over Pat Rostata, 112, in 4 round special event. Jess de Leon, 118, defeated Ely Relucio, 117, in 6.

Boy Anastacio, 125, outpunched Slugger Joe, 126, in 6. Carl Arboleda, 116, bested Rolly Alama, 117, in 4. Baby Tarzan, 112, defeated Baby Pancho, 111, in 4 round opener.

▶Larry Bataan, 126, is back and easily defeated Flash Menny, 126, in 10 rounds in Concepcion, Tarlac. Larry was the former bantam and feather kingpin of the Philippines and oriental featherweight champion, the first Filipino to stop the Japanese domination in this division. If he could keep up his form in his first comeback, he will be a thorn in the sides of the featherweight champion of the Philippines. Flash Menny, one of the leading contenders for the featherweight division became a novice before a boxing master. Casy Reyes, 126, won over Dommy Nerison, 127, in 8. Baby Garcia, 111, defeated Kid Aguilos, 112, in 6. Young Macalino, 117, kayoed Flash Remy, 110, in 3. Flash Nota, 110, was beaten by Midget Liscano, 111, in 4. Sasadayde Boy, 110, lost to Tarlac Golden Boy, 111, in another 4 rounder. Baby Basa, 100, easily defeated Baby Rosan, 111, in 4.

▶Al Padilla, 118, and protege of Major Cabiago of the Philippine Army, badly defeated Leo Aquino, 119, in 8 rounds in San Pablo City. Padilla downed his rival for a 7 count in the 1st round and won all except the 6th which was a draw. Henry Toledo, 120, and Hallow Block Boy, 121, drew in 6. Chito de Marco, 114, defeated Joe Sagun, 117, in 6. Rey Avelis, 115, lost to Small Joe, 114, in 4. Abraham Kid, 110, kayoed Cesar Padilla in 3. X-Seven, 120, bested Rey Mario, 118, in 4. Dommy Salvador, 110, beat Tony Opon, 111, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Amading Araneta, owner and promoter of Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City, left recently for America to contact world outstanding boxers for his next promotions. His plan was to contact Cisco Andrade to meet Bert Somodio and present Archie Moore against Buddy Turman, the heavyweight from Texas, in a 10 round contest. This will be the first time for the Filipino to witness a light heavyweight champion in real action against a legitimate heavyweight. I wished Amading the best of luck. He is intending to go to New York for business and meet his old pal, Nat Fleischer, who once visited his residence in Quezon City.

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RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

THE 1961 SEASON HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR OVER A MONTH BUT ONE WOULD HARDLY SAY IT IS IN FULL SWING. Crowds in Sydney in particular, have been small, but Sydney Stadium manager, Harry Miller, has big plans which will make the tin walls of Australia's largest stadium ring with the noise of thousands of fight fans. The plans center around some really big fights commencing in April. Here's hoping there is no hitch.

Melbourne and Brisbane Festival Halls opened first this year. In Melbourne three ten-rounders were presented before a small crowd, despite the scheduled 30 rounds of headliners, plus 28 rounds of prelims.

Junior welters Young Macka and Mick Power turned on one ten, but the fight ended in the sixth. Macka opened up early, dumped Power in the first round and Mick did not recover his equilibrium for the rest of the fight. Macka was really impressive.

Mario Gigliotti outpointed Barry Butler in a light-heavyweight bout, while Rod McRae outpointed Sam Lambozzitti in a middleweight fight that held interest but did not raise the blood pressure.

▶ Brisbane's re-opening—on the same night—showed two 12-rounders on top of a 50-round bill. Size of the crowd was fair and those who stayed away missed plenty of action. Billy Watt outpointed Ron Smith in a welters war—as all of Smith's fights are. Watt, the more experienced, found that experience pays off. A rematch is in order.

The other half finished in four rounds, with wildman middle Norm Jones demolishing Charlie Chambers in a repeat performance (he did the same thing a couple of months earlier).

▶ Sydney Stadium re-opened with New Zealander Dick Fleetwood opposed to Mario Gigliotti in a 12. Fleetwood won on points but seemed to have something in reserve all the way. The crowd would have appreciated it more if he had opened up more. But as Dick was billed to fight the main the following week, he decided on taking no risks. They are middleweights.

The following week Fleetwood met South African middle, Dickie Williams. This soon developed into a rough fight and after referee Vic Patrick warned both in the sixth round, he walked out, signalling no-fight. There was too much clinching.

▶ Third fight at Sydney took place on February 16, when lightweights Colin Bell of Australia, and Antoine Martin of France, met in the headline. This was a fast bout but not an exciting one. Martin easily outpointed Bell in Brisbane a couple of months earlier but this time Bell fought better and received the pat.

▶ Biggest fight of the year to date took place at the Melbourne Festival Hall on January 20. Australia middleweight champion Peter Read was outpointed by Italian welter champion Bruno Visintin. There was little difference in the weights or the points and Bruno refused to meet Read in a return.

Experience won for Bruno, but he had to fight hard and think fast.

▶ A week later, at the same venue, French-Tunisian lightweight Guizani Rezgui halted Italian counterpart Aldo Pravisani when Aldo's bugbear, cut eyes, struck again. The bout was halted in the fourth frame.

▶ At Melbourne, Young Macka, giving away seven pounds in weight to clever welter Keith Lewis, held Lewis to a draw. Lewis faded over the last bit. A return is a natural.

▶ In Brisbane, former Sydney Golden Boy David Floyd, now residing in Brisbane, created a terrific impression with his stylish points win over Frenchman Antoine Martin in a featherweight fight. Floyd was flawless and won every round.

▶ One week later, rising Brisbane flyweight Jackie Treshman caused an upset by halting former Australian flyweight champion Alan Gibbards in five rounds of a 15-round Queensland State title tilt. Treshman was in charge throughout and with Gibbards outclassed and suffering from a cut eye, referee Les Parker called a halt.

On February 3, Billy Watt and Laurie Latch met for the vacant Queensland State welter title at the Brisbane Festival Hall. It was a good fight, with the clever Watt annexing a lot of points, but with heavy-punching, persistent Latch bringing over the kayo in the 13th round.

▶ At Rockhampton on the same night, Ollie Taylor, brother of Australian featherweight champion Wally and a Silver medalist in his own right (at the 1958 Empire Games), made his pro debut. The opposition was furnished by another ex-amateur champion of Australia, Billy Dunnett, who was having his third pro start.

Dunnett held a slight lead in a good fight until he received a bad eye gash in the ninth round and referee Vic Patrick, who had journeyed north from Sydney, stopped it and crowned Taylor. They are bantamweights.

▶ Last October Guizani Rezgui made his Australian debut at Brisbane in opposition to Gary Cowburn, Australian lightweight. Rezgui won easily on points. Cowburn trained hard after this, learned much, returned to action in December to stop Steve Nittes in impressive style, then announced he was ready for Rezgui in a return.

At the Melbourne Festival Hall on February 10, Gary got his wish. He decked Rezgui in the fifth and left the Tunisian out cold on the floor when the bell rang before the doleful decimal could be tolled.

Rezgui came out for the sixth and Gary bided his time. In the ninth Cowburn opened up again and laid Rezgui neatly on the floor. The count was proceeding when Rezgui's seconds threw in the towel.

▶ Same night, in Brisbane, Jackie Treshman had an easy workout at the expense of Col Sullivan. Treshman won by KO in the sixth. Sullivan was on the floor three times in the last two rounds.

In the second 12-rounder on the bill, junior welter Merv Stewart stopped Darcy Lee, lightweight, when Darcy hurt his arm and had to quit in his corner at the end of the eighth round. It had been a quiet fight.

▶ Featherweight Max Murphy, the lad who won the Australian title, retired with it, then made a comeback, to take the NSW State crown, suffered his first loss on a foul in 57 bouts when he was disqualified in the tenth round against David Floyd at the Brisbane Festival Hall on February 17.

Murphy was warned for low punching, then disqualified for the same offense by referee Les Parker. At the finish, Floyd held a points lead.

▶ Same night, at the Melbourne Festival Hall, weatherweights Pasquale Curcio and Tommy Hepper met over 12 rounds, with Curcio gaining a points decision in a rather tame fight.

▶ There should be a couple of shiftings in the ratings following two recent fights in New Zealand (during February). Rated light-heavies, South African Mike Holt and Tongan Johnny Halafihi, were tossed—Holt by Tongan George Mahoni, who holds the New Zealand heavyweight title, and Halafihi by American Eddie Cotton. Both by points decision.

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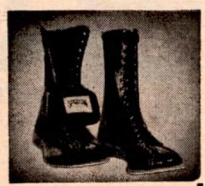

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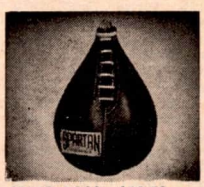

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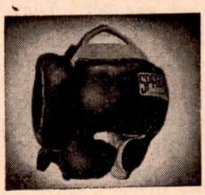

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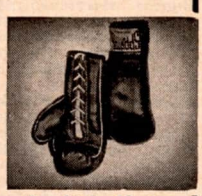

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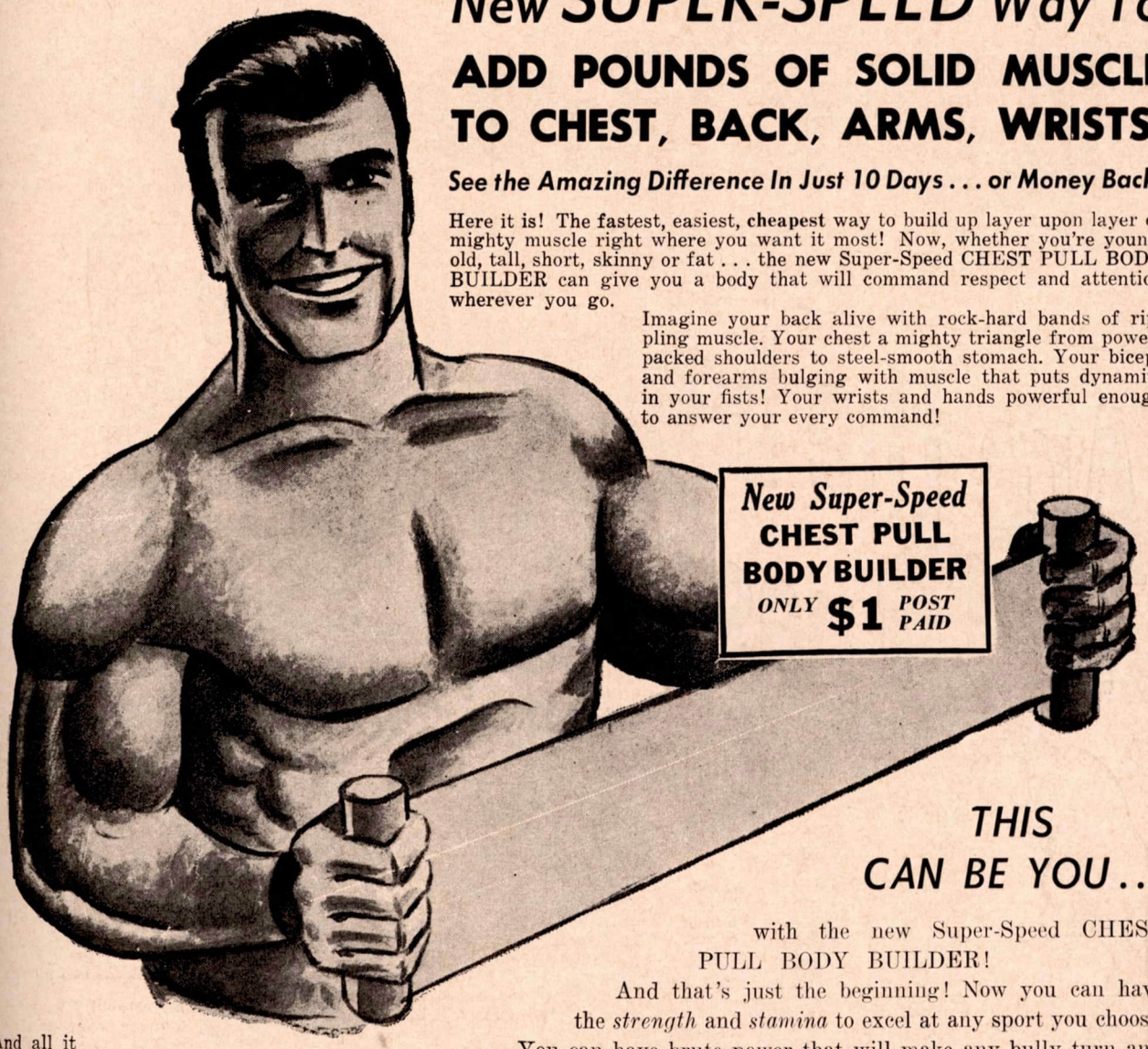

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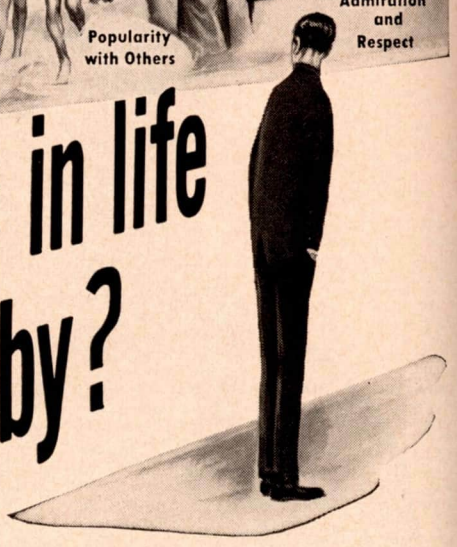

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